







Bk Marcella  
Log Book  
Kept by  
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Indian Ocean

Sailed Nov 11 - 1873

Returned May 2 - 1876

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1873

Remarks on board Bk Marcella Nov<sup>1873</sup>Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

All hands on board weighed anchor at 12 M and stood down the bay with the wind to the westward at 4 P M discharged the pilot at sunset calm at 10 P M wind S E and freshning at 12 M called all hands to take in sail so ends no more sleep that night

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

This day strong gale at 4 A M passed a three masted ship at 12 M. Norman's Land bearing N. five miles distant wind hauled to the Northward and we lost sight of land so ends

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

This day strong breeze heaving to the S E under double reefed topsail it is so rugged that we cannot do anything so ends

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze wind N W doing nothing she is rolling bad entered the gulf stream

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>

this day blowing fresh from the W let her go lashed the anchors and stowed the chairs below and cleared up decks so ends at six P M shook the reefes out of the maintopsail for the first time took my watch so ends

Sund 16<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze mended the mastheads saw one sail bearing to the N so ends

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from the W and rugged doing nothing so ends

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze at 8 A M had a squall blivert away the fore topsail close reefed the main topsail and let her blow so ends



# Remarks on board Bark Marcella

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

this day a little better weather saw two sails employed in breaking out and bent a new fore topsail so ends

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze close reefed again and rainy saw one sail employed in breaking out provisions getting boats ready to so ends

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed in getting out new boats and getting them ready coiling lines P M raining so ends

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing employ in getting the boats ready so ends

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day light breeze saw nothing P M close reefed the topsails for a thunder storm with rain but no wind so ends

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather employed in sending the hoops up at the masthead and various odd jobs Lat 32 20 N Long 45 28 W

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw nothing employed in building a vice bench and various odd jobs I am making a boat sail

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing employ in lashing cutting pendants aloft and various odd jobs so ends

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw two sails and a fin back exchanged Lingetude with a dutch brig employed in ship chug so ends.

Lat 30 09 N Long 44 57 W



Capt J R Sturges Indian Ocean Dec  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze saw two sails employed  
in rigging cutting stage blubber hooks &c so  
Lat 29 30 N Long 44 20 W

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze and rain squalls saw  
nothing employed in tending up main royal  
yard and various jobs  
Lat 27.30 N Long 43 00 W

Sund 30<sup>th</sup>

this day fine breeze saw one sail and a hump  
back so ends this month

## December

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

this day fine weather four sails in sight  
employed in various jobs  
Lat 24, 25 N Long 43, 16 W

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day fine weather saw one sail and a finback  
employed in various jobs P.M. lowered the  
boats for practice

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day fine weather saw three sails and  
finbacks employed in ship duty

Thur 4<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze and squally five sail  
in sight employed in ship duty  
Lat 21, 22 N Long 42 00 W

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

this day took the trawles reefed the fore-top sail  
saw three sails emp ship duty  
Lat 19.48 N

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

this day squally and rainy saw a finback emp  
in ship duty  
Lat 18.00 N Long 40.43 W



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Dec Remarks on board BR Marcella

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze and squally saw porpoises  
employed in ship duty

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw porpoises struck  
one but lost him emp in ship duty

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

Lat 14.51 N

this day fine weather saw finbacks employed in  
setting up head stays lashing spare spars to the  
lower masts &c

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

Lat 12.24 N Long 37.28 W

this day rather squally saw plenty of flying fish  
employed in ship duty

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed  
the same double reefed the topsails the second  
mate off duty sick

Frid 12<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw blackfish lowered  
but did not get any going to windward P.M.  
lowered again and the starboard boat got  
capsized took her along side and gave her  
the chase Lat 8.49 N

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises caught  
one employed in ship duty

Sund 14<sup>th</sup>

Lat 7.24 N Long 36.00 W

this day moderate breeze and rain lost  
the trades emp in ship duty

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw grampuses  
employed in ship duty it is rather warmer  
here than at home so ends



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Capt J. R. Sturges Indian Ocean Dec

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>  
this day fine weather employed in ship duty  
P M Manuel Costa raised a school of whales  
going to windward lowered and the starboard boat  
struck no chance for the other boats took the  
whale alongside a 6 P M getting ready for cutting  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Lat 21.04 N Long 35.16 W  
this day moderate breeze called all hands at 5.  
A M getting up cutting gear after breakfast commenced  
cutting finished and cleared away the head everything  
ready for boiling but did not start the work, it  
being squally the second mate returned to duty  
yesterday saw grampies

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>  
this day fine weather started the work at 1 A M  
finished at dark turned up 12 bbls the mincing  
machine gave out and we used hand knives

Frid 19<sup>th</sup> Lat 21.20 N Long 32.05 W  
this day light breeze and rainy saw four sails  
emp in washing ship &c so ends

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>  
this day strong breeze and squally saw nothing  
carried away the Gaff Topsail last night  
Lat 23.37 N Long 30.38 W

Sund 21<sup>st</sup>  
this day strong breeze and rainy saw nothing  
doing the same so ends

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>  
this day calm saw porpoises and dolphin  
caught two employed in ship duty

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>  
this day calm with light puffs of wind from  
all quarters saw albacore and two sails employe  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> in cooping some provisions  
this day calm and hot enough to roast gon saw  
one sail employed in bending a new Gaff  
Topsail so ends christmas eve



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Dec Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw a steamer employed  
in ship duty

Fridy 26<sup>th</sup> Lat 3.05 N Long 28.32 W

this day strong breeze from the S.E. saw  
crankers and one sail employed in setting up  
the blacksmiths forge

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from S.E. saw one  
sail employed in coopers oil and stowing  
it in blubber room & ends

Sund 28<sup>th</sup>

this day squally one sail in sight employed  
in ship duty

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw three sails  
shape the English ~~sch~~ Highflyer from  
Nova Scotia for Pernambuco with a load  
of cod fish sent letters by her

Tues 30

this day moderate breeze and a regular rain  
day four sail in sight no mastheads

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze from S.E. steering  
S.W. by E saw three sails employed in ship  
duty Lat 1.14 N Long 29.30 W



Capt J. R. Sturges, Indian Ocean Jan  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze saw one steamer and three  
other sails employed in ship duty  
Lat 00.08 S Long 30.30 W

Fridg 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze from NE saw three  
sails and blackfish employed in ship duty

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lat 1.41 S Long 30.48 W

this day strong breeze saw three sails employed  
in ship duty Lat 3.50 S Long 31.41 W

Sund 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw blackfish, cowfish  
and porpoise Lat 6.34 S Long 32.21 W

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing doing the  
same Lat 9.11 S Long 32.31 W

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze steering S W saw two sail  
employed in setting up fore rigging  
Lat 12.13 S Long 33.03 W

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze steering S W one sail  
in sight employed in setting up the main  
and mizzen rigging &c  
Lat 14.21 S Long 34.33 W

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

this day squally saw porpoises and two sails  
steering S W & employed in rattling down  
main rigging &c  
Lat 15.21 S Long 35.30 W

Fridg 9<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze three sail in sight  
employed in rattling down main rigging  
and tarring down fore and aft stays &c  
arrived on Brotes Banks and shortened sail  
at sunset

Lat 17.23 S  
Long 37.34 W



Jan Remarks on board Bk Marcella Capt  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from S.E. saw four  
sails swordfish and porpoises employed  
in overhauling footropes brace pendants &c  
Lat 19.24 & Long 37.44 W

Sundg 11<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.E. steering S.E.  
employed in ship duty last night came  
near being run down by a dutch bark  
so we are away from here  
Lat 21.54 & Long 36.45 W

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw nothing during the  
same sunset shortened sail  
Lat 24.01 & Long 36.06 W

Tues 13<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing emp  
in evening broad and clear sunset took in sail  
Lat 24.25 & Long 35.21 W

Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw two sails  
employed in ship duty steering S.E.  
Lat 25.20 & Long 34.22 W

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.W. steering S.E.  
saw cowfish employed in ship duty  
Lat 27.01 & Long 32.09 W

Fridg 16<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.W. steering  
S.E. saw grampus and a bone shark  
employed in ship duty  
Lat 27.54 & Long 30.22 W

Sat 17<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate, we run S.E. took in  
sail and made every thing snug nothing in sight  
so ends



J R Sturges Indian Ocean

Jan

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

this day light wind with frequent rain squalls  
running saw nothing during the same

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from eastward with a heavy  
swell saw nothing

Lat 26.42 S Long 27.54 W

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from the eastward heading  
to the southward saw one sail employed in ship  
duty

Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze from NE steering SE saw  
three sails employed in ship duty

Lat 29.36 S Long 25.34 W

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze from NE steering SE  
saw two sails employed in ship duty

Lat 31.18 S Long 29.10 W

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day light breeze three sail in sight  
employed in ship duty

Lat 31.49 S Long 22.00 W

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>

this day calm saw three sails employed in  
ship duty all hands bathing in the evening

Sund 25<sup>th</sup>

this day calm and very warm saw grampuses  
and porpoises and two sail

Lat 32.02 S Long 21.40 W

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from NNE steering  
SE saw three sails signaled one of them  
employed in repairing the foretop sail that  
was carried away first out and bent it

Lat 32.20 S  
Long 20.50 W



Jan Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Tues 27<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from N.W. steering  
N.E. four sail in sight employed in ship duty  
Lat 32.58 S Long 19.32 W

Wed 28<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from N.W. steering  
N.E. saw two sail employed in ship duty  
Lat 33.28 S Long 18.69 W

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from the same quarter  
steering N.E. two sails in sight employed  
in ship duty so ends  
Lat 34.09 S Long 17.09 W

Fridy 30<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw sunfish and  
four sails employed the same  
Lat 34.53 S Long 15.09 W

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.W. steering  
N.E. at 5 P.M. hauled up to the southward  
saw grampus and two sails employed  
Lat 35.58 S Long 13.08 W

Sun

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

this day light breeze from the southward  
at daylight land in sight to leeward kept  
off for it is Tristan De Anchuana  
after dinner the Capt went on shore  
returned at 8 P.M. night gone off and  
saw two sail and a school of killers  
in sight this is a very high island  
the top is covered with snow all  
the time we are going ashore again  
tomorrow so good night so ends



Capt John. R. Sturges Indian Ocean <sup>11</sup> Feb  
Mond 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze saw grampses and one sail  
after breakfast went on shore with two boats after  
potatoes got about seventy five bushels some cabbage  
onions &c and half a bullock carc then bread  
flour and cloth in trade spoke the Eng. wh.  
Flower of Parren she is bound Great fishing  
got a young dog and called him Iris  
never got supper until 12 o'clock at night  
left off E.N.E and let her go

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.W steering E.N.E  
saw two sails employed in ship duty

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze steering E by N saw four  
sails employed in ship duty

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing during the  
same

Lat 33.42 S Long 7.34 W

Fridg 6<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw four sail employed  
in making boat sails

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw grampses porpoises  
and four sails employed in ship duty  
sunset took in sail on the Marician ground

Lat 34.28 S Long 6.58 W

Sund 8<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw porpoises and blackfish  
and four sail employed in ship duty  
sunset took in sail

Lat 34.37 S Long 5.55 W

Mond 9<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from the eastward saw  
four sail employed in ship duty so ends  
sunset shortened sails

Lat 35.10 S Long 4.20 W



## Feb Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>this day strong breeze saw grampus employed  
in ship duty sunset took in sail

Lat 35.46 Long 3.59 W

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>this day strong breeze and rainy saw nothing  
employed the sameThurs 12<sup>th</sup>this day strong breeze saw a turtle employed  
in ship duty

Lat 35.22 S Long 3.25 W

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>this day light breeze saw nothing during the  
same

Lat 34.29 S Long 2.03 W

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

this day same as yesterday

Lat 34.23 S Long 1.46 W

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

this day same as yesterday

Lat 33.35 Long 00.19 W

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>this day moderate breeze saw a piece of squid  
at 2 P.M. it commenced to blow and we close  
reefed the topsails and furled the courses &c

Lat 32.55 Long 00.20 W

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>this day moderate gale saw nothing during  
the sameWed 18<sup>th</sup>this day moderate breeze saw porpoises  
employed in ship duty so ends  
shortened sail at sunsetThurs 19<sup>th</sup>this day strong breeze saw porpoises steering  
& employed in ship duty  
sunset took in sail



Capt John R. Strizes Indian Ocean Feb

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

this day heavy squalls. and a moderate gale from the Southward under close reefed topsail and storm staysails.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing doing the same killed me sheep  
sunset took in sail

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day light variable winds saw a sunfish  
employed shortened sail at sunset

Lat 33.55 S Long 1.07 E

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.N.W steering S  
employed in cooping head &  
sunset took in sail

Lat 34.26 S Long 2.07 E

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from S.S.E. saw grampas  
and a stick of timber up in ship dirty

Lat 35.40 S Long 3.36 E

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from N steering S saw  
nothing Lat 35.57 S Long 4.25 E

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.N.W steering S.S.E  
at 4 P.M. steering S.E. employed in middle stitching  
foremast staysail

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.N.W steering  
S.E. saw finback and porpoises

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from N steering S.E.  
at 5 P.M. wind hauled to the eastward  
saw nothing doing the same

Lat 38.08 S  
Long 10.40 E



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# March Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Sund 1<sup>st</sup>

this day light breeze and foggy at 6 P M  
wind S. S. E strong breeze took in light  
sails so ends this day

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate gale at 10 A M secured  
avoided the main topsail at 4 P M furled  
it lying to under foretopmast and mizzen  
staysails so ends

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day at daylight it died out calm at 8 A M  
light breeze from E S E with a heavy  
swell saw porpoises

Lat 38.07 N Long 10.05 E

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze with rain squalls  
from the westward steering E S E  
saw one whaler spoke her it was the Bark  
Vigilant Capt Thatcher bound westward

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from the westward  
steering E S E saw nothing

Lat 37.20 N Long 16.43 E

Fridg 6<sup>th</sup>

this day same as yesterday steering E S E  
saw a sunfish &c

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze steering E S E  
saw nothing doing the same

Lat 37.33 N Long 23.34 E

Sund 8<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from the N W  
steering N E E saw nothing

Lat 37.34 N Long 27.22 E

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

this day wind hauled to the southward  
and began to blow double reefed the topsails  
at 8 A M fine weather steering N E E saw  
grampas and porpoises employed in mending  
stitching the hupper staysail Lat 37.35 N Long 29.29 E



Capt John R. Sturges Indian Ocean March  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

this day wind hauled to the starboard steering  
E S E saw white grampus

Lat 37.53 S Long 31.53 E

Frid 11<sup>th</sup>

this day calm saw grampus shark dolphins  
and porpoises employed in ship duty

Lat 37.05 S Long 32.49 E

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from the north steering E  
at 1 P M the mate raised a school of sp. whales  
to lowered lowered the boats and the mate  
struck first and then the A B and last the  
A B took them all along side finished at  
8 P M night boats crewed

Sund 13<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from W S W began to cut  
at daylight took two of them in today it was  
so rugged that we ran off with the other whale  
along side night cutting blubber

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate gale so rugged to cut so cleared  
away the heads and cut up the blubber and put it  
down the main hatch and started the works at  
6 P M weather moderated some last night while  
running the ship heaved to at about 10 P M and  
would not pay off again so the mate ordered a man  
to loose the gybe and a portugese by the name of  
Antone Waller went out to loose it he was gone  
a long time it was so dark that you could not  
see anything and after waiting about ten minutes  
the mate sent another man out there to see what  
was the matter he found the sail partly loose but  
no man there so there is one man lost the  
number of his mess

so ends



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March Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Sundg 15<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate gale from the north at  
8 A.M. began to cut got the body in but to  
rugged to take the head going to under  
close reefed main topsail

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

this day still the same driving the works  
as fast as we can at 9 A.M. parted from  
the head lowered the S Boat and picked  
it up again and cut it in so they  
are all on deck very rugged

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

this day still the same with rain squalls  
finished trying the body and cooled down  
stowed some of the oil in blubber room

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breezes and rugged finished  
trying the heads and stowed some oil today  
at 6 P.M. and S.W. steering E.S.E

Lat 38.42 N Long 36.00 E

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from N.W. one sail  
in sight employed in stowing the rest of the  
oil and our first whale also altogether  
118 bls Lat 37.42 N

Fridg 20<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from the Eastward  
heaving N.W.E. employed in washing ship

Lat 37.06 N Long 36.45 E

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

this day moderate gale from the eastward  
on the northern tack at 4 P.M. were short-  
killed to goose

Sundg 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze from E.S.E. saw  
nothing doing the same



Capt John R Sturges Indian Ocean March  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze from ESE heading  
to the northward

Lat 35.44 S Long 37.14 E

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from NW with rain  
squalls at 4 PM wind S

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from S steering ESE  
saw nothing held an anchor of Norton's Vulture  
cut it killed a sheep

Lat 34.10 S Long 40.31 E

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from ESE saw nothing  
employed in ship duty

Lat 31.58 S Long 42.01 E

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from ESE with rain  
squalls beating to windward

Lat 31.03 S Long 42.44 E

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from eastward saw nothing  
doing the same

Lat 30.59 S Long 43.15 E

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from the eastward saw  
a diamond fish employed in ship duty

Lat 32.25 S Long 43.50 E

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from ESE saw grampas

Lat 30.56 S Long 43.53 E

Tues 31<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze from the S.E at 2 PM  
double reefed

Lat 28.46 S Long 45.57 E



Apr Remarks on Board Br Marcella  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

this day moderate gale from N. foresail  
heavy sea running

Lat 26.45 S Long 47.66 E

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate gale under close reefed  
main topsail heading south

Lat 26.51 S Long 46.35 E

Fridg 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day same as ever with a heavy sea  
running.

Lat 27.00 S Long 45.28 E

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate gale from the eastward  
with frequent rain squalls saw one sail  
porpoises killed our remaining geese

Lat 27.12 S Long 45.25 E

Sundg 5<sup>th</sup>

this day same weather with thunder and  
lightning at night

Lat 27.46 S Long 45.22 E

Mondg 6<sup>th</sup>

this day a little more moderate at 4 P.M.  
same as ever

Lat 28.10 S Long 45.27 E

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

this day no change in the weather saw  
one sail

Lat 28.38 S Long 45.50 E

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>

this day a little better weather wind N.E.  
heading E. S. E. one sail in sight

Lat 29.28 S Long 46.43 E

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

this day wind hauled to N.E. by E heading  
N.E. & E three sail in sight

Lat 28.59 S

Long 47.40 E



Capt John R. Sturges. Indian Ocean 19  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from E & E steering  
NNE saw a finback sunset took in sail  
on Port Dolphin ground

Lat 26.59 Long 47.48 E

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

This day strong breeze and squally saw finbacks  
and the island of Madagascar our chronometer  
60 miles out of the way sunset took in sail

Lat 25.25 S Long 48.30 E

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze and rainy saw the land  
employed in doing nothing

Lat 25.28 S Long 48.57 E

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

this day light winds with frequent rain  
squalls from the eastward saw nothing  
sunset took in sail

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

this day light winds and rainy saw nothing  
sunset took in sail

Lat 25.33 S Long 49.02 E

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

this day heavy thunder storm PM strong  
breeze from NNE steering E saw porpoises  
sunset took in sail

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw finback  
and porpoises sunset took in sail

Lat 24.01 S Long 48.30 E

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

this day squally with thunder and lightning  
saw nothing the flying jib jumper parted  
sunset took in sail if you want to see  
thunder and lightning just come to Port  
Dolphin

Lat 23.34 S  
Long 49.32 E



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Apr Remarks on Board Bk Marcella  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

this day squally with thunder and lightning  
saw nothing employed in making a new  
pump for the flying jibboom so ends

Lat 23.31 S Long 49.26 E

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

this day variable wind with rain saw  
nothing killed a pig yesterday so ends

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

this day light wind from S.E. steering  
E saw finlocks and grampuses employed  
in overhauling and restrapping blocks

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

this day moderate breeze from N.W. steering  
E saw porpoises and one sail employed in  
cutting off the head of the mainmast and  
landing it again

Lat 23.49 S Long 50.33 E

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze from N.W. saw one  
sail employed in overhauling foretopmast  
lift

Lat 23.24 S Long 52.31 E

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze and rainy saw nothing  
doing the same

Lat 21.55 S Long 52.57 E

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze fair wind steering  
N.W. saw porpoises and the island of  
Bourbon so ends

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

this day light wind and calm saw  
porpoises

Lat 19.25 Long 53.36 E

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

this day same as yesterday saw nothing

Lat 17.55

Long 53.21



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Capt J B Sturges Indian Ocean Apr  
Mondy 27<sup>th</sup>

this day fine breeze from ESE saw port houses  
and the island of Tromblaine or Sandy island  
sunset took in sail

Lat 15.56 S Long 54.22 E

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from SE saw one whale  
the ship John Dawson 17 months out with 520 sp  
gained all night it was rugged

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing but the  
ship at 3 PM the Capt came on board we  
got a large turtle so ends

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze from SE one sail in  
sight killed the turtle

May

Fridy 1<sup>st</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw grampus and  
one sail sunset took in sail

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw one sail last  
night saw an eclipse of the moon at 4 PM  
gained the Dawson sunset took in sail

Sundy 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze from SE steering ESE  
for Baya da Malak Banks  
Lat 15.18 S Long 54.44 E

Mon 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze double reefed saw  
a fair back

Lat 13.53 S Long 56.04 E

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate gale PM strong breeze  
saw nothing else the same

Lat 12.54 S Long 56.08 E



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Remarks on board BR Marcella  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and rugged  
Lat 12.00 Long 57.03 E

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

this day wind strong from S E saw  
porpoises, cowfish, Algerines and plenty  
of small fish

Lat 10.53 S Long 58.15 E

Fridy 8<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises and  
one whaler named it was the Bark  
Leactilia Capt Brown 22 months out  
with 700 sp

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises and  
finbacks & ends

Sundy 10<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw grampse.  
porpoises and one sail named Leactilia

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw porpoises and  
one whaler

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze saw porpoises killed  
a pig had a litter of four born today

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw nothing

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw porpoises  
finback and one whaler

Fridy 15<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw  
one whaler sunset took in sail

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing  
during the same so ends another week



Capt J. R. Sturges Indian Ocean May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1874

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw blackfish and porpoises employed in rigging fish lines &c

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises at 5 P.M. sounded in 23 fathoms hauled aboard and caught about forty good large bottom fish

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and rainy saw porpoises salted some of our fish

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze and rainy saw porpoises and blackfish at 3 P.M. the second mate raised a school of 4 whales lowered and chased them until sunset without success so ends

Frid 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed in making a awning for the tryworks

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze at 8 P.M. the boats saw raised a large whale lowered and chased until about 3 P.M. the second mate went on and his boatsteward missed at 4 P.M. the mate went on and struck and got stove all to pieces and we never saw the whale afterwards got everything aboard at dark so ends

Sund 24<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze and wet saw porpoises employed in mending boat

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and rainy finished the boat and put her out at 1 P.M. Geyser raised whales and the second mate struck one and got him alongside at 6 P.M. one whale in sight suppose to be the *Lactaria* night B boats men watches





2<sup>nd</sup> May Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
May 26<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze commenced cutting  
at daylight finished at 12 M started the  
works Leactilia in sight

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather cleared away the  
head saw nothing

Thurs 28

this day strong breeze saw nothing  
employed in boiling

Fridg 29<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed  
in stowing down part of the oil finished  
boiling last night and cleared up decks

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and rain employed  
in stowing oil and cleared up decks  
this whale made about 43 bbls

Sund 31<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze saw one whaler  
named the Leactilia

Spence

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze saw one whaler  
and one other sail so ends

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw porpoises  
and one whaler doing nothing

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises  
unsettled in sail

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and rain saw  
nothing touched on the banks and caught  
about 30 fish

Fridg 5<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing  
unsettled in sail



Capt P. H. Sturges Indian Ocean June 1874 <sup>25</sup>  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing  
doing the same

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw a chainard  
fish so ends

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate gale saw nothing  
doing the same

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises  
specially and met

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing  
opened some of our diseased potatoes they are  
good for nothing

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw nothing finished  
the awning for the try works

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing one letter  
of seven pige born today so ends met

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises and  
porpoises caught two of the later

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw porpoises  
blackfish chainard fish and one sail  
one man got a tooth of the serruz

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises at 8 AM  
Lawrence raised whale, lanceol and one more  
saw then afterwards came on board at noon

Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw blackfish  
PM rainy



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June Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze saw porpoises at 4 P.M. raised breeches along ways could not tell if they were whales or not employed in mending snauts gallant sail sunset took in sail

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze at 11 A.M. the second mate raised whales lowered the boat and chased them until dark without success came on board and took in sail

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing at 2 P.M. one the hands hauled a black and caught about 100 fish so ends

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze at 1 P.M. Costa raised whale around the ship lowered and second mate struck the other boats chased until dark with out success boats crews

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze commenced cutting at daylight finished cleared away the head and cut the blubber up and started the works

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze saw a chainmed fish finished boiling and cleared up decks

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw porpoises caught two so ends

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw blackfish employed in storing oil and washing ship stored down about 30 lbs

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed in boiling sheep oil blubber made eight gallons



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Capt J. R. Sturges Indian Ocean, June  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing but  
timber make

Tue 27<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises caught  
one might stick in sail on the wind

Sund 28<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally saw nothing  
at sunset steering N by E

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed in  
sitting up head stays and gages

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze at day light raised the  
island of Botany and a barkentine with english  
colors - scraped the masts at 3 P.M. Jenniff  
raised anchors lowered and the whales milled  
to windward a heavy squall coming up called  
the boats on board and kept on course

Lat 7.06 S Long 56.22 E

Wed

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

this morning at daylight sighted Make  
got up the cables and bent them at 11 A.M.  
took a pilot at 12 M anchored in Port  
Victoria Make at 2 P.M. doctor came on  
board and our boat on shore for letters  
washed ship &c so ends

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

washed ship inside and out

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

renailed and painted harbor boat inside  
broke out clothing and cloth to trade

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

colors flying employed in setting up bibles  
roast pig for dinner

Sund 5<sup>th</sup>

harbor watch run ashore



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# July Remarks on-board Bk Marcella

Mond 6<sup>th</sup>

starboard watch on liberty employed  
in painting starboard boat outside

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

port watch on liberty

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>

starboard watch on liberty

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

port watch on liberty

Fridg 10

broke out thirteen casks of bread cooked  
then and put them ashore in the Boston  
house & ends

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

set up a few water casks

Mond 12<sup>th</sup>

port watch ashore on a run

Mond 13<sup>th</sup>

set up a few water casks the Bk Greghurst  
of Westport came into the outer harbor today  
two men ran away

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

took on board about two thirty ton of rail  
road iron for Johanna sent a cask of  
bread ashore to be sold Bk Leactitia came  
into the outer harbor today

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

took our anchor and went out into the outer  
harbor and anchored again

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

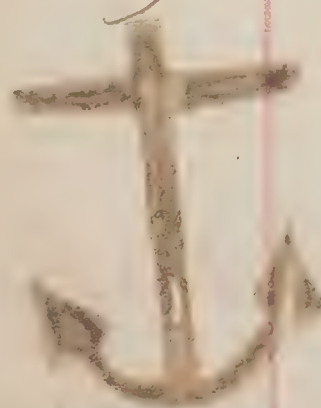
doing nothing but gumming

Fridg 17<sup>th</sup>

took our anchor at 7 AM and took a man and  
his wife on board for Braslin came to anchor  
in Curcins bay Braslin at 10 PM and took  
our passengers ashore

Sat 18

getting wood and water on board as fast  
as possible





July

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Capt J B Sturges - Indian Ocean 1873

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

a very quiet day Capt 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mates and a boats crew ashore all day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

finished getting wood and water eight cords of wood and eighty barrels of water

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>



took our anchor and stowed chains below after dinner a man fell overboard and was drowned sunset shortened sail

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day light breeze saw Killers and the larrel employed in sending down main topgallant sail and sent up another sunset took in sail

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day light breeze saw the land at 1 P.M. the Capt went ashore at Denis island got some wild hens and sweet potatoes and coconuts &c

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

this morning Bird Island and two whalers in sight chased the John Dawson at 7 A.M. at 9 A.M. the Dawson raised whaler mated himself and our mate struck killed him and got him along side at 7 P.M. &c &c

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze at daylight began to cut the Dawson took the head finished cutting at 5 P.M. started the works 3<sup>rd</sup> mate off duty sick

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw nothing employed in boiling

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze the Dawson brought some casks aboard finished boiling at 4 P.M. the whale making all told 54 blk

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises employed in clearing up decks &c



May

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1873 Remarks on board Bk Muscilla Capt  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw nothing doing  
the same sunset took in sail

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>



this day light breeze saw nothing touched  
on the banks employed in stowing down oil  
washed ship &c

Fridy 31<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally passed the  
Africa island saw finback and porpoises  
Lat 4.35° S Long 53.30 E

August

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze from N.E. and squally  
double reefed the topsails bound to Johanna

Sund 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day strong breeze and squally

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day same as yesterday.

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze saw porpoises caught two  
at 9 P.M. saw the islands of Aldabra and  
Assumption passed them at 5 P.M.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw porpoises

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw the islands of  
Romora and Johanna employed in painting  
spare boat

Fridy 7<sup>th</sup>

this day light airs close to the island of  
Romora Johanna 50 miles distant

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>

this day calm with occasional cal. fairs

Sund 9<sup>th</sup>

this day same as yesterday



J R Sturges Indian Ocean May 1873

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

this day shifting winds saw porpoises and a sail

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

this day shifting winds saw the Bk Greyhound  
get the cables up and anchors off the line

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

this day light air Greyhound in sight let go  
anchors in 12 fathoms of water in channel at  
1 P.M. the Bk Leclaire is going at anchor

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

Employed in breaking up coopersing and restoring  
oil in Johanna men allowed on board

Fridy 14<sup>th</sup>

Finished coopersing and restoring our oil &c

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>

Took a raft of water casks ashore and took two  
casks of water on board closed up decks &c  
the Bk Via Haven of Westport Capt Allen  
came to anchor this afternoon

Sund 16<sup>th</sup>

Last night the watch were asleep the ship  
dragged into deep water hove up the anchor and  
made sail and lay off on an evening a gale  
came to anchor again at 9 A.M. let go both ends  
there was a large fire ashore to day among the houses

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

Employed in setting up shooks &c

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

Employed in getting water setting up shooks  
the town caught fire again about 10 hours from  
the Bk Leclaire sailed this evening

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

Employed in getting water and moved the  
mail str Malacca & came in to day and left  
again for Madagascar

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

Finished getting and storing our water

Fridy 21<sup>st</sup>

Started B paint ships heads &c ends



1873 Remarks on Board Bk Marcella  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

Finished painting benches  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>

Starboard watch run ashore

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

Taking on board sweet potatoes yams tarra  
pumpkins chickens &

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

taking on board recruits painting waist  
boat out side

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

Taking on board recruits Dr Wilson sent  
on board a boat load of peanuts

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

Recruiting all day

Frid 28<sup>th</sup>

No recruits today being shore Sunday

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

The King and suite came on board to  
day to trade

Sund 30<sup>th</sup>

Port watch ashore on a run

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

Finished recruiting we have taken in  
all 35 bbls of sweet potatoes 100 bbls of  
Tarra 2500 lbs of yams 150 pumpkins  
4 Doz chickens 2 1/2 bbl Sugar Bananas  
oranges &c The Brig S. A. Davidson Capt  
Holmes came in today she is trading

Left

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

Settled up with the natives and got  
ready for sea shipped one man for 78  
a month



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Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>



at 2 A.M. took our anchor with a land breeze and stood out to sea stowed chains and lashed anchors by light air

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day light air and calm land in sight

Frid 4<sup>th</sup>

this day calm at 9 A.M. light breeze from S.E. steering S.E. one sail in sight

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

this day fine breeze from southward steering S.E. one sail in sight

Sund 6<sup>th</sup>

this day stiff breeze steering S.E. until 12 M and then braced around and stood to the westward sunset took in sail

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze steering N.W. employed in making Gaff topsails for boats an auction sail of Stubbins effects at sunset took in sail with head yards aback

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

this day fine breeze finished the Gaff topsails steering N.W. employed in overhauling brace blocks and pendrants at 4 P.M. lowered the boats to try their new sails at 6 P.M. steering N.W.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

this day fine breeze from S.E. steering N.W. saw porpoises employed in mending the jib

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather steering N.W. at 2 P.M. saw Leatham's island employed in mending jib and bent it sent down the fore top gallant sail and cut it up for a covering of the rack over the stern Lat 6.54 S Long 100.00 E



Left Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw purposes at 11 AM  
 saw the island of Penba emb in repairing  
 and bending a fore & gallant sail made  
 a covering for spare boat middle stitching  
 fore sail sunset luffed to the wind  
 Lat 5.29 S Long 39.42 E

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather kept off N at 12 M  
 steering E N E employed in mending and  
 bent it killed a pig sunset by the wind

Sund 13<sup>th</sup>

this day kept off N E saw algerines caught  
 two sunset by the wind

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

this day kept off N W at 12 M sighted  
 Java islands luffed by the wind heading  
 off shore boiled out the algerine blubber  
 sunset shortened sail

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather steering N E saw  
 blackfish lowered two boats the mate  
 got one painting starboard boat  
 luffed by the wind at sundown crossed  
 the line this afternoon

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

this day kept off E N E employed  
 in boiling black fish it made 60 gall

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

this day steering E N E saw purposes  
 employed in overhauling blocks

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze steering E N E  
 employed in overhauling blocks

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

this day strong breeze steering E N E  
 employed in overhauling blocks

Sund 20

this day same as yesterday



Capt J R Sturges Indian Ocean Sept 1879

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>

this day strong breeze steering N E  
saw porpoises and a finback

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day moderate breeze steering N E at  
4 P M braced around on port tack and  
steering N W by N

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>

this day strong breeze from S W steering S W by N  
at 4 P M took in light sails at 6 P M took  
mainsail jib and spanker and double reefed

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>

this day moderate breeze from N E steering N W  
saw porpoises and albatrosses last night passed  
the island of Oboetia in the Lat 12 33 N  
Long 53 18 E

Frid 25<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze from W steering by the wind  
on port tack saw porpoises and one sail  
employed in making spruyers

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

this day light airs from the N steering W  
saw a finback employed in making spruyers

Sund 27<sup>th</sup>

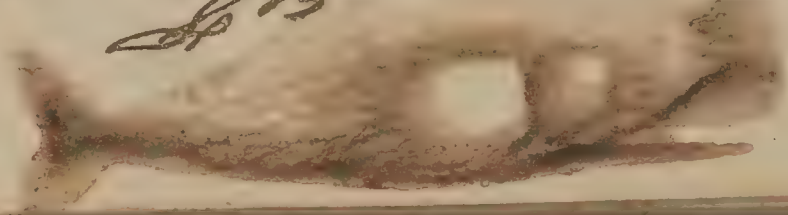
this day light airs from S E steering S W  
saw two sails at 8 P M gained the Bark  
Mermaid of Westport Capt Hicks with 6200  
going aback all night

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>

this day light airs land in sight Coast of  
Arabia saw porpoises and one whale

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

this day light airs saw grampus P M gained  
the Mermaid at sunset the Mermaid raised  
whales lowered and our starboard boat struck the  
mast of the Mermaid in her and our starboard boat  
struck also after dark took one whale along side  
of each ship spruyers boats crews

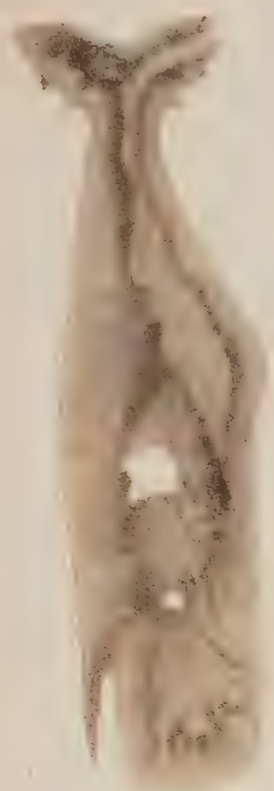




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Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

## Remarks on board Bk Marcella



F.B.

this day moderate breeze saw finbacks and two whalers employed in cutting in finished at 8 AM started the work at 9 PM raised whaler signalled the Mermaid and all lowered the second mate of the Mermaid struck and then our mate the school going to roundward got alongside and every thing snug at 10 PM by watches

October

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

this day fine weather employed in boiling and cutting while cutting found Hamburgers 54 lbs 27 lbs of juice

Frid 2<sup>nd</sup>

this day fine weather finished boiling at noon making 46 lbs gained the Bk saw a finback

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>

this day fine weather saw finbacks Mermaid took her share of the oil killed a big

Sund 4<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw finbacks and one whaler in sight

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

this day calm one whaler in sight employed in storing down 41 lbs 14 1/2 gall of oil washed ship &c

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

this day light air saw finbacks and one whaler

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

this day light breeze saw sulphurs killed porpoises finbacks and one whaler and in cleaning Barra

fine weather saw sail in sight employed in cleaning Barra



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Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

June 12<sup>th</sup>

119 12

14 25

210.  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

and all

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1846

fine weather saw blackfish leared but did not get any so much



1875

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

The day calm at 6 A.M. raised a low whale  
bowed and the waist boat went along side  
of him but did not get him chased until  
dark and came on board so ends

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

this day light air saw finbacks blackfish  
and grampas came in setting up a turning  
log

Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

this day light air saw finbacks blackfish  
and the mermaid boiling gained she took  
four whales sundry making 80 bbls

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

this day light breeze sea full of life saw  
another whaler boiling gained her the Seetitia  
with the whale that we went along side of  
she has taken 130 bbl oil and 144 bbls amphergins

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

light breeze saw finbacks and two whalers  
came in cutting up an armory at the masthead

Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

a good breeze saw one whaler spoke a Debu  
employed in killing a pig

Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

this day light air saw finbacks grampas  
and one whaler a large shark came along side

Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

this day fine weather saw grampas

Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

this day light air saw grampas and two  
whalers gained the Sea Queen

Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

Windy day saw two whalers

Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

same as yesterday

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

same as yesterday



# 20th October 1878

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1st 31st 1878 F.R. Sturges Indian Ocean

fine weather sea calm with porpoises and  
killers in whaler named the *Sanctus Spiritus*

2nd 1st

fine weather sea calm

3rd 2nd

fine weather sea calm porpoises and one whale

4th 3rd

fine weather sea calm porpoises and *Sturges* in  
in setting up main & mast rigging and *Sturges*  
backstay one of the *Sturges* & *Sturges*

5th 4th

fine weather between 4 & 10 AM but quite a squall  
this morning and breeze enough to clear down *Sturges*  
off *Sturges* in Lat 15 38. 1 Long 52, 11 6 saw *Sturges*  
and in setting up main & gallant rigging

6th 5th

squall night by fine weather sea calm and  
a large water shed employed in setting up *Sturges*

7th 6th

fine weather strong current saw two whalers  
and a steamer

8th 7th

fine weather saw Blackfish three whalers and  
three steamers half way to *Sturges*

9th 8th

fine weather saw three whalers and one steamer  
*Sturges* in sight

10th 9th

fine weather saw *Sturges* and two whalers

11th 10th

fine weather saw two steamers *Sturges* & *Sturges*  
employed in overhauling *Sturges* sent *Sturges* main & mast  
and bent another one

12th 11th

fine weather saw Blackfish and one steamer  
in setting up fire & mast backstay and rigging  
and *Sturges* backstay



September 1874

Remarks on Board Bk. Marcetta

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw blackfish and two steamers employed in mending topsail

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw porpoises and two steamers employed in the topsail

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

fine weather. Blackfish in sight finished the topsail and bent it at the main. Collected a few

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>

Drove a strong breeze saw blackfish

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

saw a heavy swell the afternoon saw blackfish and a steamer

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw killers and one whale captured her the John Dawson seen nothing the mermaid has taken 120 bl since we saw her

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze one whale in sight

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw one whale and two steamers one is setting up head stays fore and main rigging

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

Calm saw grampas killers porpoises and blackfish lowered but did not get any setting up fore topgallant rigging P.M. light breeze named the John Dawson

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

light air saw blackfish one whale and one steamer

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>

light breeze saw one whale

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

light breeze saw killers and one whale at 4 P.M. saw the J.D. boat down lowered ens and pulled about two miles and came on board again a false alarm



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Weds 24<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw finbacks and J & D the was  
blackfishing got two gameed her

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

this day squally took in light sails and double  
reefed J & D in sight killed a pig

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from the eastward squared  
away for Socotra steering S by E saw blackfish  
J & D in company gameed

Frid 27<sup>th</sup>

Breeze from the N steering S by E saw porpoise  
caught one sunset took in light sails steering  
S Socotra in sight spoke the J & D

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>

ran until 2 A M and then lay aback until  
daylight braided full and ran between Socotra  
and the main land saw sulphurs and porpoises  
caught one em in middle sticking S by E and  
bent it sunset shortened sail and spoke the J & D

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

ging aback all night today steering S by E  
passed cape Guardafui saw sulphurs and a  
large steamer gameed the J & D

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

gameed all night strong breeze from N.W.E  
saw land sulphurs and porpoises (caught one)  
sunset took in sail ging aback

## December

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

saw finbacks and porpoises caught one  
sunset spoke J & D took in sail ging aback

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

made sail working down the coast saw  
porpoises and several Tokous em in overhauling  
Tarra gameed the J & D



1874 Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

running to the S all night saw the coast  
totally and sulphurs on grumpling ship today  
found that our oil was leaking empr in  
overhauling Yarra

Frid 4<sup>th</sup>

same weather steering S<sup>W</sup> saw blackfish  
empr in overhauling Yarra

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

Breeze lighter steering S<sup>W</sup> overhauling  
Yarra finished evening spoke the J.D.  
and steering S to E.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze steering S<sup>W</sup> saw porpoises  
gamed the J.D. all night

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>

light breeze saw a finback sunset took in S

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

mad sail again at 11 P.M. last night to keep  
in sight of the J.D. today empr in overhauling  
ships cable and shifting them  
sunset took in sail by the wind

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze steering W of S saw grampus  
sunset spoke the J.D. and took in sail by the wind

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze steering S<sup>W</sup> empr in making  
snet crossed the line today gamed the J.D.  
shortened sail by the wind

Frid 11<sup>th</sup>

steering S<sup>W</sup> of W empr at jobs and  
making snet sunset took in sail steering W

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the E steering W empr  
in making snet gamed the J.D.



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Sun 13<sup>th</sup> light breeze running to the W saw the Zula Island sunset spoke the J D took in sail going aback

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> light breeze kept off N S W saw nothing gained the J D

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> steering S S W saw porpoises caught one amph in making sunset spoke the J D and kept off S S W

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> steering S W all night at 9 AM the J D raised 4 whales we mated the boat and mate of the J D and our mate and 2nd mate each got a whale a piece got the whales at 6 PM

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> All hands at daylight cutting finished at 10 PM rugged employed in cutting up blubber started the work sunset spoke the J D

Frid 18<sup>th</sup> Wind from the East rugged finished cutting blubber cleared away the heads and kept off S W sunset spoke the J D

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> lay aback all night rugged kept off this morning S W finished boiling turned up 65 lbs gained the J D hers turned up 60 lbs

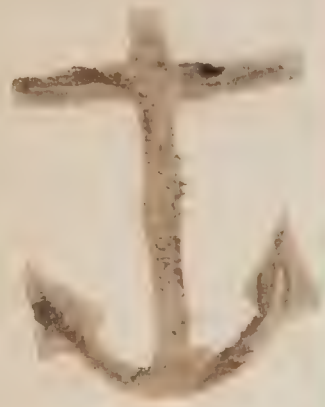
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> steering S S W all night today steering S W wind E S E sunset took in sail by the wind

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> kept off S W going direct to Zanzibar saw blackfish gained the J D

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> coopers oil ready to stow at 2 PM saw the island of Pemba killed a pig sunset spoke the J D

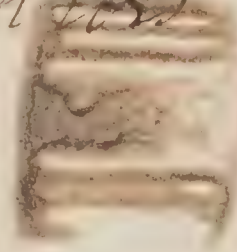


1874 Remarks on Board Bk Marcella  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>



this morning off the South end of Pemba  
Zanzibar in sight squally got up the  
cables and anchors off the bow and at 2 PM  
let go anchor in 4 1/2 fathoms water about  
of Baraboo river that being the watering  
place the town is six miles distant got  
up the tables and everything ready for  
breaking out the hole washed the benches

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>



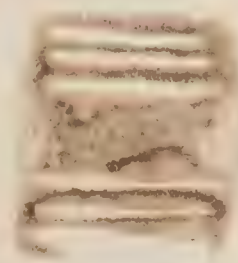
showery weather broke out covered and restored  
112 1/2 <sup>all</sup> of oil boat went to town returned  
at dark with potatoes meat and oranges

Fridy 25<sup>th</sup>



Christmas day better weather broke out  
covered and restored 84 1/2 <sup>all</sup> oil stored the  
after hole

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>



fine weather broke out covered and  
restored 108 x 21 <sup>all</sup> of oil Boat went to town  
and returned at 4 PM with potatoes 18  
chickens and plenty of oranges the Bk  
Scalvia is going at the town she has  
taken 250 <sup>all</sup> since we saw her last

Sund 27<sup>th</sup>

a slight thunder storm the mate and  
2 <sup>all</sup> mate each went to town

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>



squally wet weather covered and stored  
the remainder of the oil 16 1/2 <sup>all</sup> making  
321 1/2 <sup>all</sup> all told got on board and  
stored 75 <sup>all</sup> water stored off everything  
out hole and scrubbed ship outside  
the J D got underway and went to  
town to anchor



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Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

Dull cloudy and rainy weather this morning  
washed ship inside at 10 AM got underway  
and went to town in company with the J D  
and Laetitia there are 1 French 3 Arabs and 4  
English manovars

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

squally weather doing nothing but gaming and  
going ashore to fetch off fresh provisions

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>

Better weather each watch had half a day  
run ashore painted the ships stern  
They had a drunken row on board of the J D  
last night the 3<sup>rd</sup> stabbed the 2<sup>nd</sup> mate  
in the fleshy part of the arm cutting the  
muscle the English steamer came in today  
sold our ambergis for about 678 per hundred  
so this is the end of this year

1875

January

Fri 1<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant weather hoisted the sails to dry

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>

fine weather rather warm getting potatoes  
and fruit on board sold the Laetitia 2 bbls  
flour

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>

Quiet day doing nothing

Mon 4<sup>th</sup>

Excellent weather every thing ready  
for sea the mail boat arrived and took  
our letters homeward

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>

Squally wind not in our favor got three  
monkeys there was a boat race between two  
of the manovars boats this afternoon



1875 Remarks on Board Bk Marcella

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>



at 6 AM hove anchor with a light breeze from the N of Darwin in company with us at dark off the south end of the Island with the wind E saw one sail lashed anchors and stowed cables

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from NE steering by the wind on the port tack employed in making sunset of J D in sight

Frid 8<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy weather wind NE heading E & E J D in sight

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from same quarter saw grampuses and the J D

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the N steering by the wind on port tack J D in sight

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>

Calm night at daylight light breeze from the N steering & rigged a new cutting fall repairing oil casks J D in sight

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

Variable winds steering & repairing oil casks &c J D in sight

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from the N steering & saw porpoises and the J D

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze saw porpoises and a large steamer the J D is out of sight and I am glad

Frid 15<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze saw porpoises  
Leat 5.40 N Long 51.17 E

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>

wind from the N cloudy saw porpoises at sunset took in sail



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Sun 17<sup>th</sup>

same weather saw one sail and the African Islands sunset took in sail

Mon 18

light breeze from the N sighted land one of the Lezardes Islands

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>

fine weather on Make Banks Bird island in sight emp in scraping spars varnishing spars ones saw porpoises

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

light air Denis island in sight saw porpoises employed in scraping and varnishing spars spars at sunset took in light sails and hauled a back

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

light breeze the island of Preslin in sight saw blackfish emp in overhauling brace blocks and pendants at 4 P.M. raised whales lowered and at 5 P.M. the mate struck the whales went to sunchoard got him alongside at 7 P.M.

Frid 22<sup>nd</sup>

all hands at 4 A.M. cutting finished at 8 A.M. cutting blubber and cleared away the head started the masts at 10 A.M. fine weather

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

squally weather with rain finished boiling turned up 48 bbls so ends

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>

squally weather saw porpoises cleared up decks

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

same kind of weather with plenty of rain cooped part of the oil land in sight

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>

rugged Preslin in sight cooped the rest of the oil and stored it all 45 <sup>bbls</sup> <sup>gall</sup> 14 1/2

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

Calm weather very warm saw nothing killed a pig



# Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>

light variable wind with rain land in sight washed ship saw blackfish and porpoises

Frid 29<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from NW beating to windward Preslin and Frigate islands in sight emp in setting up water casks

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

Wet and miserable weather Preslin and Make in sight no mastheads

Sund 31<sup>st</sup>

unsettled weather got the cables up and anchors off the bow ran between Preslin and Sea Dignus at sunset ten miles from Preslin calm let go anchor in 21 fathoms water clewed up sails and let her lay

## February

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

a light head wind got underway at 6 AM emp scraping spars broke out slips at 3 PM pilot on board at 4 PM let go anchor in Make harbor furled sails boat ashore after letters

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

squally and wet the pilot came on board and we shifted our anchorage breaking out and restoring provisions in after hole I received 7 letters and 19 papers

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Same weather emp in storing after hole one man got his discharge the Bk Lactitia and Sea Queen are here getting ready for home

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>

Same weather let go second anchor last night and to day here it up again restoring shovels in fore peak got off a raft of water and stowed it and casks went ashore again



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 Friel 5<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant weather getting water from shore and  
 stowed it down got some empty bread casks  
 from shore &c

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

fine weather finished getting water and stowed  
 it down 150 lbs washed ship &c

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant weather port watch run ashore the  
 mail came in from Aden and went out again  
 bound South I received 4 papers

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch on liberty watch on board  
 employed in taking wood and painting iron  
 work red &c

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty employed in painting  
 iron work over stowing wood one of the starboard  
 watch ran away yesterday Jenniff by name

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch on liberty took three cord of  
 wood painting iron work the mail from Mauritius  
 for Aden arrived today

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty emp in scrubbing bends  
 stowing wood &c

Friel 12<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant weather emp in painting ship the  
 Starboard watch 12 hours liberty

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

fine weather finished painting spliced the  
 jib stay got a spar from shore to make  
 a brooch yard Port watch 12 hours liberty

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>

Rainy day Starboard watch run ashore  
 a boatsteer John Wheeler by name ran  
 away



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Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant weather employed in taking  
six casks of bread from the Eastern  
house coopers the remainder what  
is ashore took three cord of wood on  
board & set up jib stay &c

Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

fine weather got off a small raft of  
water cleared up decks ready for sea  
the Sea Queen went into the outer  
harbor & ends

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

squall weather got underway and  
went in the outer harbor shipped a boatswain  
and two men

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

squally the Sea Queen sailed for a  
short cruise and home

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

At 8 AM here anchor and went to  
sea passed Praslin saw cowfish

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

A nice breeze from NNE saw blackfish  
cowfish and porpoises emp in coiling  
saw lines and various odd jobs

Sund 21<sup>st</sup>

Last night and today rain without  
seeing nothing in sight

Mond 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pleasant weather saw nothing emp  
in making a chrotchet yard

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

fine weather saw fishbacks employed  
in sending up crocket yard



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Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw Basilin and La Digue

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw land and a whaler  
at 3 PM saw her whaling covered and  
went to windward the waist boat struck  
after dark got her along side at 11 PM

Frid 26<sup>th</sup>

fine weather cut in the whale cleared up  
cleck and started the work saw porpoises  
and the Lactitia cutting

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

finished boiling turned up 20 bbls saw  
Denis island

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw nothing night heavy  
rain squalls from S.W.

March

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

fine weather saw nothing repaired waist  
boat she got stove by last whale a little

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

fine weather Basilin and La Digue in sight  
emp in cooping and stowing down oil  
Feb 27. Ball 11<sup>th</sup>

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

fine weather kept off S.E. emp in repairing  
oil casks at dark ruled by the wind

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>

same saw a Big Blackfish and porpoises

Frid 5<sup>th</sup>

same weather steering S.W. on soundings

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

Wind off steering S. saw Blackfish and  
porpoises emp in making springer



Remarks on Board Bk *Parcella*  
 Sund 7<sup>th</sup>

light air steering S by E & S by calm  
 saw grampus and porpoises

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

calm saw grampus and porpoises

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

Variable winds steering as near S-E as the  
 winds will permit stored on tierce of  
 fat lean oil 45 galls fixing shooks

Wed 10

calm on Fortune Banks saw porpoises  
 emp in making sprunjam

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

calm saw porpoises emp in making  
 sprunjam fixing shooks &c

Frid 12<sup>th</sup>

same on Fortune Banks caught two fish  
 saw blackfish lowered without success

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

calm saw grampus and a sail  
 finished repairing shooks

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>

A nice breeze from S-E steering S-E  
 saw one sail and porpoises caught one

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Wind Variable saw finback and porpoise  
 caught one emp Blacksmithing

Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

Wind the same emp in fixing tryposts  
 saw a large spar

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

same weather saw a sulphur bottom

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

saw a sail emp in middle sticking  
 sparker and bent it killed a monkey &c

Frid 19<sup>th</sup>

broke out provisions setting up head gear  
 saw one sail finback and tooth caught one



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Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

calm sent down fore topsail and bent  
another one caught a Dolphin

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>

Wind N steering S E saw one sail finbacks  
porpoises caught one

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

steering S E saw porpoises and finbacks

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breeze the same repairing fore topsail

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from Eastward steering S E  
emp repairing topsail

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from S E finished the topsail  
and bent it arrived on Lago da Malha  
Banks

Frid 26<sup>th</sup>

same weather nothing in sight

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze from Eastward

Sund 28<sup>th</sup>

light airs and calm saw a finbacks

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

same steering S E saw porpoises

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

Wind from N steering E crossed the Banks  
emp in overhauling jib and fore topmast  
stay sails sheet furlmants took in sail

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>

Wind N touched on the Banks in 35 fathoms  
emp in overhauling footropes



## Apr Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April

Frid 2<sup>nd</sup> Calm overhauling footropes &

light air from SE setting up mizzen  
and mizzen topmast rigging head and  
backstay caught a porpoise

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>

Calm emp in seizing off mizzen rigging  
and capping it. Painted all the spare  
craft and iron work red saw a whaler  
with her boats down about ten miles  
off lowered our boats and pulled  
there and found it was nothing but  
killers it was the Bk Seabear Capt  
Havers 40 months out 400 lbs of caught  
two porpoises

Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

Light air saw finback gameed the Seabear  
all day

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze saw finbacks and the S  
emp in putting new heel lashings  
to the cutting stage

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

Light air emp in straightening securing  
in main rigging gameed the Seabear

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

Calm scrubbing paintwork with sand

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

caught two porpoises last night emp  
in painting the hull harness cask  
grindstone lub & overhauling footropes  
and lifts

Frid 9<sup>th</sup>

small thunderstorm finished overhauling  
footropes and lifts sent down shankers got and  
overhauled the gear saw a finback



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Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

last night heavy thunderstorm  
saw finbacks

Sund 11<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw a finback

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>

same as yesterday gameed the Sunbeams

Tues 13<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from NE saw finback  
and porpoises emp in making spungarn

Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

squally saw finbacks emp in making  
rope for signal halliards

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

fine weather emp making spungarn

Frid 16<sup>th</sup>

light airs emp overhauling all portropes  
painted dead eyes Sunbeams boats  
blackfishing

Sat 17<sup>th</sup>

fine weather emp in painting roof of after  
house line tubs and covers boat gear  
making roving at 3 PM saw another  
whaler she and the had a gam

Sun 18<sup>th</sup>

squally and foggy saw a sail this morning  
saw porpoises and finback

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from NE at 6 AM raised  
anchors lowered at 9 AM and the main  
boat struck got him alongside at 12 m  
rigged gear and began to cut knivhol  
off at dark &c

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

the watches cutting blubber at 5 AM began  
to cut in finished at noon baled case  
and hoisted the blubber started the  
works fine weather





Apr Remarks in Board Bk Marcella  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

fine breeze from N.E. emp in boiling  
cut up the junk cleared up decks &

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>

strong breeze from N.E. saw finback  
finest yet boiling this afternoon burned  
up about 80 bbl stored some oil today

Frid 23<sup>rd</sup>

fine weather cleared up decks and  
coopered the remainder of the oil for  
stewing saw finbacks and porpoises

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>



squally and rainy stored the rest  
of the oil in all 74 bbl 25 cals  
mashed ship &

Sund 25<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and ragged saw finback  
and porpoises

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>

light variable wind on the banks  
at noon 40 faths at 3 PM 35 faths

Tues 27<sup>th</sup>

fine breeze from the Eastward caught a  
carrfish emp in making new buckets  
and painting fresh water buckets

Wed 28<sup>th</sup>

squally put new cutting penknives  
lashings up making revings

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>

cloudy and dull sent down main  
topgallant sail and bent another one  
making revings &

Frid 30<sup>th</sup>

light breeze saw porpoises repairing  
topgallant sail and bent it sent down  
mizzen staysail and stored it away  
on the banks 40 fathoms



J R Sturges Master Indian Ocean

2 May

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>

light breeze from S W saw a sail  
employed in odd jobs

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

light breeze from W to S W crossed to  
the S E light last night hauled aback  
and caught 25 fish

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

light breeze from E S E saw finbacks,  
an extra bounty of £8 nailed to the  
mizzen mast for a whale

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>

Wind to S E saw blackfish lowered but  
did not get any sent down the mainsail  
and repairing it

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the eastward at work  
on the mainsail

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy breeze from S E saw finbacks  
finished the mainsail and bent it

Frid 7<sup>th</sup>

breeze from S E steering S W going  
across the banks to the Westward hauled  
aback and caught 30 fish sent in flying  
it and repaired it and bent it again

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S E emp in odd jobs  
at 3 P M raised 4 whales lowered and  
chased them until dark without success  
they were scattered and galloped in every  
direction



# May Remarks on Board Bk Marcella

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

stood to the southward all night at 7 AM raised a school of whales lowered and took five two A.B one L.B and two V.B got them along side at 7 PM took in sail and got supper

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

A.B

A.B

at 5 AM started firing and cleared away parts at 5 PM started work

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

squally wind S.E cutting blubber and boiling cleared away the heads the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> boatster cut his foot badly with a blubber spade and is off duty

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

same weather emp in boiling set up some shooks caught a large dolphin

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

fine weather finished boiling this afternoon turned up 130 Lbs stored down part of it cleared up decks

Frid 14<sup>th</sup>

squally wind S.E cleared up by work and

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind S.S.W at work copying oil ready for stowing

Sund 16<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind S.E

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from S.E emp in stowing oil all day saw porpoises

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

squally wind S.E finished stowing oil in all 134 Lbs 24 galls broke out shooks and washed ship



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Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from S.E. saw nothing except  
repairing shoeks

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

same weather emp picking oakum  
saw sulphur finlacks and porpoises

Frid 21<sup>st</sup>

strong breeze emp in coiling down lines  
overhauling shoeks &

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

strong breeze and rugged doing nothing

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>

still blowing and rain squalls

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

still the same

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

Plm fine weather saw porpoises emp  
in making roving

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

rainy wind S.E. doing nothing

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

blindy wind S.E. overhauling shoeks

Frid 28<sup>th</sup>

moderate crossed into N.E. light  
saw blackfish and porpoises

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

moderate wind overhauling shoeks  
watch emp making roving latched  
on the banks 15 fathoms

Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from S.E. saw a sail  
today

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

strong breeze overhauling shoeks Sam  
lacked off duty with rheumatism  
so enels another man.



June Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
June

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

moderate crossed the banks to the  
westward emp making senet overhauling  
lower cutting block

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dull weather wind S.E. finished  
overhauling shocks overhauling lower  
cutting block straps

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

strong breeze from S.E. had a general  
bake out for provisions saw a whale  
Bk Mercury Capt Gifford 25 months  
out 550 sp 450 whale

Frid 4<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze gamed all night

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze saw the Mercury boats  
down and one of them got capsized  
but no whale we saw the whales about  
five minute going to windward

Sund 6<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and rugged half a gale

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>

same weather at noon squared away  
starting for Make banks night  
luffed to the wind

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

steering N saw fin back emp making  
senet and manropes

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

cloudy saw sulphur emp in making  
senet finished the manropes and painted  
then the John boatmen returned to duty

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

squall at noon touched on Make  
banks caught a porpoise saw new  
mainly gallant braces



J R Sturge Master Indian Ocean 1875  
 Frid 11<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw Blackfish and the  
 land Preslin and Sea Pigie  
 employed in making sunset

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

wind I saw the land employed  
 making sunset

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>

fine breeze saw Blackfish and Denis  
 island went ashore and got some chickens  
 sweet potatoes and green corn

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw Blackfish and Bird  
 island went ashore and got some birds eggs

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw nothing in I<sup>st</sup> light  
 on taking in sail tonight my boatstower  
 fell from the fore top but broke no  
 bones but is bruised up some

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw nothing employed  
 in making sunset

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

light breeze emp in scraping masts  
 and spare spars washed ship inside  
 and out got the cables up and anchors  
 of the bow night calz 10 miles from Make

Frid 18<sup>th</sup>

Light Breeze wind at 5 PM took  
 a pilot at 6 PM let go anchor pulled  
 sail to found the Bk. Duncan  
 Marmail and Petrel at anchor  
 and an English man of war Undersorted

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

Boat ashore for letters I got one scrubbed  
 the bands sent in the jibs and down the  
 fore topgallant sail took on board 3 cove  
 of wood &c got my papers &c



June Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch ashore on a run  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup>

Shipped in jibboom to overhauled the  
rigging explored our bread ashore in  
the Austin house

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>

Took on board and stowed 60 bbls  
water repairing wheel &

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sent out jibboom set up head stays  
took a raft of casks ashore &

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch on liberty tarring  
down head stays

Frid 25<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty emp in mending  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch on liberty taking  
on board wood and stowing it

Sun 27<sup>th</sup>

Port watch run ashore

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty bent the jibs  
and other odd jobs

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

Painted starboard boat bent a fore  
topgallant sail mail steamer  
arrived one mail for us

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

Got every thing ready for sea  
Sunbeam sailed at 3 PM



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J R Sturgis Master Indian Ocean  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July

took on board a quantity of oranges  
and bananas discharged one crew sick  
shipped two men Petrel and Mermail  
sailed &

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>



Got underway at 8 A.M. and went to  
sea steering NNE took the anchor on  
the bow and stored chains below  
at sunset took in sail

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>

light breeze saw a finback N E by N

Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from SE saw nothing  
sunset took in sail

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze saw nothing

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

wind & clouds saw porpoises caught one  
at noon kept off NW at 3 P.M. saw  
Denis island

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

Squalls and rain from S & E Denis  
island and a small schooner in sight  
at 11 A.M. saw Bird island and a whaler  
after dinner boat went ashore and set as  
many eggs as we wanted at 5 P.M. gammed  
the Petrel nothing since leaving Wake

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze kept up the gam until  
5 P.M.

Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze saw a finback

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

light breeze saw a finback sent down  
main topsail and bent a new one Preslin  
in sight at 5 P.M. Denis island and Petrel  
gammed her



July Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze from S saw a finback  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze an rain saw porpoises  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze overhauling fore  
topsail halliard blocks making sunset  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

Pellin an La Digue in sight  
overhauling maintopsail halliard  
blocks making sunset  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

fine weather Denis island in sight  
at 10 AM saw Bird island at noon  
hailed aback and a boat came off  
with eggs dried fish and meal  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze saw porpoises watch  
emp making sunset  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze and squally one whale  
in sight gamel for the mermaid seen  
nothing since leaving Make  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze one whale in sight and  
porpoises  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze sighted Bird and Denis  
islands working to windward  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from S.E. watch  
emp in making sunset  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

Weather moderated emp in breaking  
out water cleaning by pots  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dull cloudy saw porpoises and grampse  
and the island of La Digue



J R Sturges Master Indian Ocean 1885

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>

moderate breeze saw porpoises caught one at 12 M raised up whales at 1 P M lowered and the H B got two got them along side at 4 P M got supper and set both crews Preslin in sight

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>

raised all hands at 5 A M finished cutting at 11 A M cleared away the heads surprised the blubber and started the works

Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from SE emp in boiling

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze finished boiling this morning turned up 50 bbls cleared up by the gear and decks caught a porpoise

Sun 27<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind of Preslin and LaDigue in sight sent down foresail mended it and bent it again

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind of emp in steering oil stored 49 bbls 8<sup>1/2</sup> Gall washed ship

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

squally saw nothing

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze saw a sail and LaDigue

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>

Strong breeze wind of Maku in sight kept off got the anchors off and chains bent at 11 A M dropped anchor in outer harbor at 12 M left went ashore for letters at 4 P M got underway at 5 P M lost returned and went to sea stored chains and lashed anchors I received one letter and four papers bound for Johanna



Aug. Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>

Strong breeze saw nothing

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Strong breeze and rainy

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

same as ever wet and rugged

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>

weather slightly changed for the better

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze at noon saw Providence island left off N S W at 6 P M passed St Perrie saw porpoises

Frid 6<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze saw nothing steering N by E at noon left off N S W opened shop early

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>

light breeze steering N S W

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>

light breeze steering S at daylight land in sight called it Comora at noon found it was Johanna left off steering N W got the anchors off the bow and chains bent

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>



light breeze from N E saw a whale the Mermaid let go anchor at 11 A M furled sails unbent main topsail got a raft of coals ashore and filled then scrubbed ship boards &

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>

empr breaking out and setting up shooks Discharged Sambo a native of the place

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze empr in setting up shooks and taking water on board the Vulture came on board today



Re Sturges Master Indian Ocean 1875  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

last night very rough the Mermaid drifted  
 out to sea we let go second anchor and  
 gave her all the chain emp in breaking  
 out after hole and stowing water

Frid 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze emp in getting on board  
 and stowing water

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

stiff breeze took some casks ashore and  
 filled them bent a new main topsail

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and wet very quiet

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

the Mermaid came in at 11 A M emp  
 in sending down and repairing and bending  
 fore topsail set up the potatoe pen

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

fine weather emp in taking on board  
 and cleaning Tara hove up 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze let go 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor emp in  
 taking on board recruits took on board  
 3 casks of water repaired and painted  
 waist boat

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>

Same weather taking in recruits

Frid 20<sup>th</sup>

fished a stick of wood from town  
 to make a beam took 3 water casks  
 ashore and filled them

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

taking on board recruits 3 casks of water  
 and 2 casks wood

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>

calm and hot some has gone to shore  
 and some to town but I am on board



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Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Remarks on board Bk Marcella

finished taking on board recruits  
in all 250 bbl water.

100 " Yaro

20 " sweet potatoes

1 " rice

2 1/2 " Soap

150 prappkins

50 bunches bananas

800 lbs sugar

a few oranges and peanuts PM Rove  
up 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor at 7 PM light land breeze  
the Mermaid an was settled up and got  
underweigh and stood out to sea  
shipped a man Marie by name

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from Southward steering N  
Mermaid in sight lashed anchors and  
stowed chains saw porpoises

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

fine weather PM light rain steering  
NW emf making beaver for S.B  
saw porpoises gained the Mermaid

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

fine weather around S.E. started to  
repair S.B when the Mermaid raised  
anchors we lowered and the mate  
got one whale the Mermaid got four  
chased until dark did not get any  
more

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

Cutting finished at 7 AM light breeze  
hoisted the blubber, cleared away the head  
and started the work PM steering N by N

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>

fine weather steering N by N PM N.E. E  
finished boiling last night turned up 21 lbs  
cleared up deck a steamer in sight  
sunset took in sail by the wind  
me Mermaid



J R Sturge Master Indian Ocean 1875

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

at daylight kept off N.E. saw blackfish  
and albacore dark short sail by the wind

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

kept off N.E. light breeze at noon sighted  
land island of Pemba kept off S.W. by N  
saw porpoises enlarging boat sails shot  
one of the monkeys short sail by the wind

Tues 31<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant weather wind variable steering  
various courses dark short sail by the wind

## September

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

fine weather wind E steering to the east  
coiling a new line fixing boat sail S.E.  
making a gaff top sail  
shortened sail by the wind at dark

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

Strong breeze from S steering N at noon  
kept off S saw finbacks and porpoise  
at dark luffed by the wind starb tack

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fine weather kept off N.E. P.M. N.W. by N  
finished boat sails caught some albacores  
at dark by the wind short sail

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

kept off E.N.E. steering down oil stored  
15 lbs in Gall at dark took in light sails  
and luffed by the wind

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

fine weather at noon kept off W saw  
killers and guba islands at dark  
were ship and took in light sails

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

fine weather kept off N.W. at 10.8 M.  
saw the coast of Africa P.M. kept off  
N.E. repairing by crooks night took in light  
sails by the wind



Sept Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Yales 7<sup>th</sup>

fine weather repairing and painting  
SB inside crossed the line

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

fine weather steering N.E. In E.N.E.  
emp painting SB outside saw  
porpoises caught one

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw porpoises caught one  
emp in various jobs

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze saw finback & porpoise  
billed porpoise blubber made 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Ball

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

Same wind steering E.N.E. at noon  
N.E. saw porpoises

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from N.W. steering N.E.  
nothing in sight

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

Same rugged weather steering N.E.  
saw porpoises at 3 P.M. lost our dog  
Dad overboard

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from S.W. steering N.W.  
9 P.M. luffed N.E. W emp picking  
oakum and making revings a steamer in sight

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from S.W. steering N.W.  
at 9 P.M. raised land off Sicotra

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

at 8 A.M. took in foresail and foretopsail  
and close reefed the main topsail and  
luffed to the wind on S tack on mainmast

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze under double reefed topsails  
and foresail steering N.W. saw a large  
steamer and a sulphur bottom



C. H. Sturges Master Indian Ocean 1875  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

fine light breeze but smoky steering N<sup>W</sup>  
saw fin back grampus porpoise and  
diamond fish at dark short sail by the wind

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S<sup>W</sup> saw short tack sea  
full of life at dark short sail

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>

light airs and hot sea full of life one  
Dhow repairing oil casks at dark shortened  
sail and left off N<sup>E</sup>

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

good weather by foggy empr in overhauling  
main top gallant footropes and lifts made  
new fore top gallant footropes saw porpoises  
and a Dhow at dark steering E

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

light breeze and thick left off N<sup>E</sup> at  
rough oil casks overhauling upper cutting  
block straps at dark took in light sails  
and luffed by the wind

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>

Same misty weather saw the Mermaid  
empr overhauling cutting and gun block  
straps mending deck sheathing &

Frid 24<sup>th</sup>

Same weather overhauling block straps  
rove new main braces ere short sail

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

same misty weather caught sight of the  
land empr overhauling block straps

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

weather improved a little saw fin back  
and a stamer

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>

Stiff breeze from S<sup>W</sup> saw fin back



Sept Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>

stiff breeze running along the land  
double reefed topsails emp in  
overhauling and new strapping block  
saw sulphurs & blackfish & Phores

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

stiff breeze emp overhauling and  
new strapping blocks

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>

stiff breeze saw several finnbuck  
and Phores emp overhauling and new  
strapping blocks saw a steamer

## October

Frid 1<sup>st</sup>

light breeze and thick saw finnbuck  
and blackfish overhauling block  
at 9 P.M. saw a whaler named her  
the Petrel 170 bbls since leaving Nohu

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>

light breeze from N.E. off Robert  
emp overhauling and strapping blocks

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>

light breeze gaming the Petrel all  
day at 5 P.M. gamet the Mermaid  
the her whaler made her 75 bbls

Mon 4<sup>th</sup>

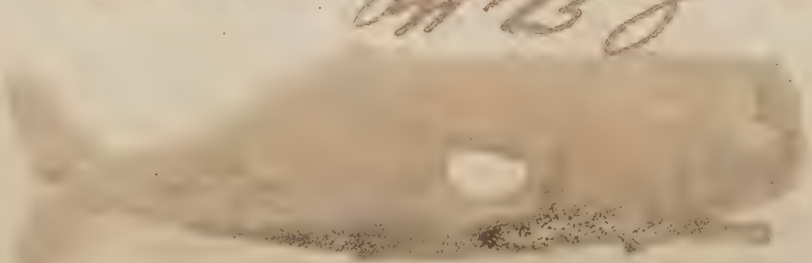
light breeze saw finnbucks and two whales  
shot sail at dark

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>

light breeze and mist, employed in  
overhauling block straps

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>

fine weather emp in making spungum  
saw finnbucks a 5 P.M. saw whales towared  
and the L.B. boat got two the N and P  
one apiece at their oppo side at 8 P.M.





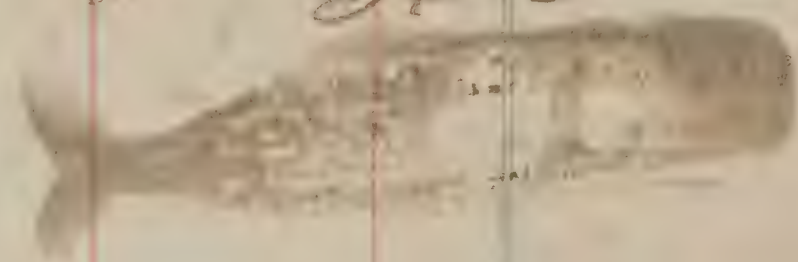
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Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

All hands at 5:30 on cutting mistle at  
noon & cleared away the heads & hauled  
the blubber and started the work found  
1 1/2 pounds of Ambergris in one of the whales

Frid 8<sup>th</sup>

fine weather finished horsepeacing blubber  
setting up shocks at 4 PM raised whales  
lowered and the ~~stand~~ S. Coals got two  
and the S. and W. boat one apiece the  
S.B. lost her line and the W. boat got  
the whale got two whales alongside at  
midnight could not find the two  
sawed whales emp. looking S.B.



Cape Resent

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

fine weather cutting on and boiling  
setting up shocks picked up the other  
two whales this afternoon herd at 4 PM



S.B.



S.B.



W.B.

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the E emp cutting  
and boiling setting up shocks &

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>

light breeze and westerly current finished  
boiling at noon turned up 120 bbls  
cleared up a little

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

Calm drifting to westward Kartack in sight  
saw sulphur and boron breaking out fore  
hole getting ready for steaming oil  
expended some this afternoon



Arabia

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Oct Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>



Calm saw sulphurs finbacks and several Thous employed in coopersing and storing oil

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>



Calm emp coopersing and storing oil finished at dark 155 bbls & 1/2 Gall saw sulphurs

Frid 15<sup>th</sup>

light air all day saw porpoises emp in washing ship

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>



light air and hot emp in various jobs saw finbacks sulphurs & porpoises Last night at 12 1/2 o'clock a sp whale broke water close to the ship

Sun 17<sup>th</sup>

light air from S.W. current sitting out to the South of Bartack saw sulphurs finbacks grampas porpoises and two Thous boarded one of them she was from Malacca bound to Bombay cargo gutta Percha

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>

Calm saw grampas emp in picking oakum repairing casks

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>

Calm saw grampas and porpoises repairing casks making spungarn &

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from N.W. storing oil & saw a steamer saw grampas & porpoises repairing casks making spungarn &

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

light air and variable saw grampas emp shifting water repairing casks making spungarn one of the boatsteerers lost his jackknife overboard and found it again inside of a Dolphin that we caught about an hour after



J H Stenger Master Indian Ocean 1873

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable air this evening breeze from ESE running along the land towards Mobat lost sight of Kartack saw finbacks grampus blackfish and porpoises ~~enough~~ in repairing casks ~~washed~~ the ships benches

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

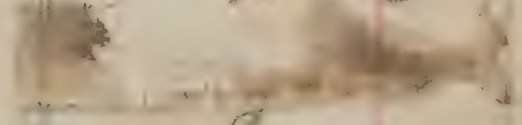
Light air from the westward saw grampus finbacks porpoises and four Lhins steering ESE Mobat in sight this evening ~~enough~~ repairing oil casks &c

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze from the westward steering to the eastward saw finbacks grampus blackfish and porpoises evening calm had a shave today so ends

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

Calm until noon light air 1 PM at 11 AM raised whale lowered and the H.B. got two L.B. two and S.B. one got them along side at 10 PM boats crews <sup>24<sup>th</sup> B</sup> Cape Reinit



S.B.



L.B.

H.B.

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>

Calm cutting finished at 2 PM cutting blubber started the works at 1 PM raised a dead whale lowered and picked him up saw porpoises



Whale

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

fine weather saw a Lhoo ~~enough~~ in boiling cleared away the heads

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze from the westward ~~enough~~ in boiling finished at 5 PM cleared up decks and washed decks steering to the eastward saw two Lhoo and porpoises turned up about 9 o'clock



Oct Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Fri 1 29<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the westward  
steering E saw grampus porpoise and  
two Phows emp in cleaning try pots  
coopering oil and other odd jobs caught  
about 180 pilot fish

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light airs from the westward  
steering E saw grampus porpoise and the  
hazcocks emp in coopering oil caught about  
200 pilot fish and hole &c  
no watch below this fore noon

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

light airs from the westward steering E  
saw finbacks grampus and porpoise  
night off Mobat so ends October

## November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

fine weather. light breeze from the westward  
steering to the eastward saw plenty of  
Phows employed in steering oil in after  
hole stowed 90 bbls 18 Gall finished and  
washed off decks sunset lifted to aback  
on ~~the~~ Starboard tack off the sea buoy

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

fine weather moderate breeze from the west  
steering to the eastward saw finbacks  
carcasses and one whaler employed in repairing  
casks and washing ship here the entrance  
of one cask of molasses overboard

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the westward  
saw finbacks grampus and one whaler  
gamed the Mermuel with 300 bbls in  
four sacks night lying aback



J. B. Sturges Master Indian Ocean 1875

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>  
fine weather wind to the Eastward saw  
hoycocks grampus porpoises and one whale employed  
in repairing casks picking oaken

Fri 5<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the Eastward  
saw grampus porpoise and one whale  
employed in repairing casks setting up jib  
guys and backropes so ends

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the Eastward  
saw grampus and porpoise employed in  
repairing casks & so ends this week

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the Eastward  
saw finbacks grampus and porpoises  
employed in reeking tit bits &c

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the Eastward  
saw porpoises and one sail employed in  
repairing casks wash clay so ends

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the Eastward saw grampus  
and porpoises employed in odd jobs stored  
down 90 Gall of oil repairing hoops at the main

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze from the Eastward saw grampus  
employed in odd jobs so ends

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

light airs from the S during N.W. W  
saw sulphurs and grampus emp in odd  
jobs night buffed by the wind on ~~port~~  
Starboard tack Two guns out 875 lbs  
land 15 miles off at sunset



Remarks on Board Bk Marcella  
Frid 12<sup>th</sup>

hazy morning squall and rain noon calm  
PM light breeze from SE saw grampuses  
and blackfish employed in odd jobs

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light airs all around the  
compass saw grampuses porpoises and a  
Dhu-employed in odd jobs

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>

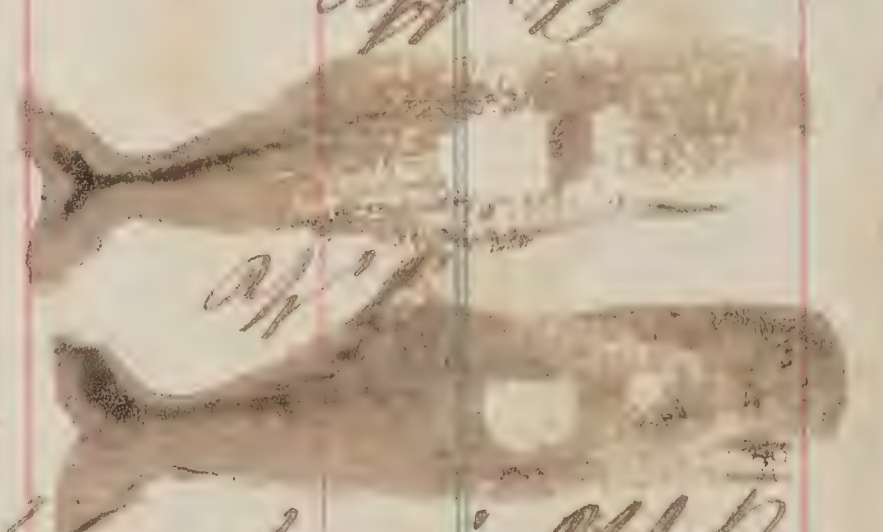
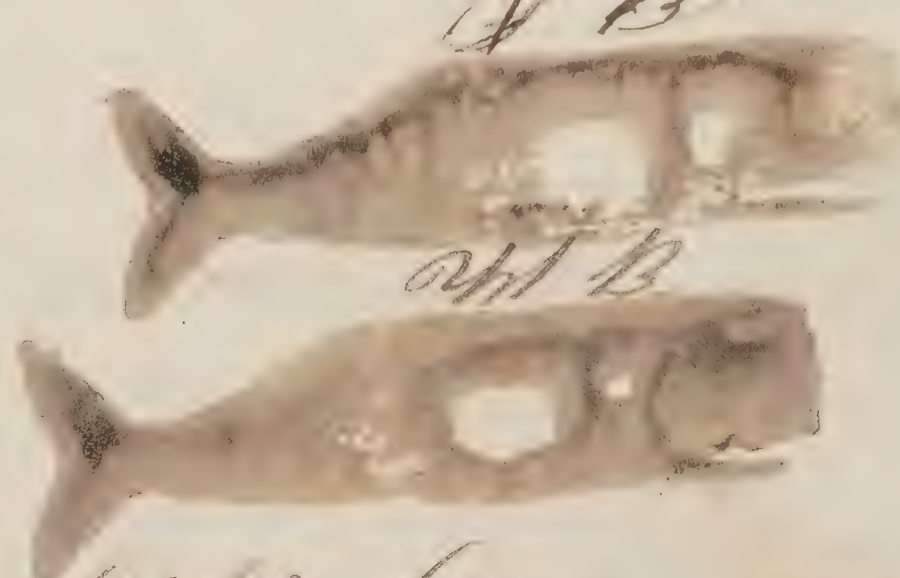
fine weather moderate breeze from the  
SE saw sulphurs and one whale named  
the Petrel nothing on Arabia

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

fine weather moderate breeze from the E  
saw porpoises a carcass and one whale  
rove new main-topail braces and  
spare jib stabs & ends

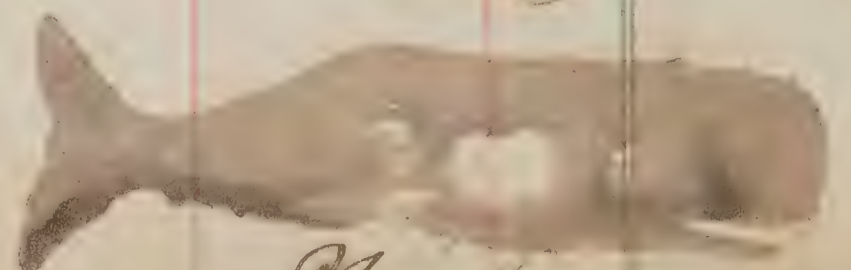
Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

fine weather stiff breeze from the E saw  
4 whales lowered and took six whales  
S Boat got stove got them along side at  
7 PM cutting gear aloft the Petrel  
has taken fire that we know of  
Petrel began to cut night stiff breeze



Wed 17<sup>th</sup> L B

fine weather light breeze employed in H B  
cutting out five at 10<sup>h</sup> raised whales  
lowered and got two got them along side  
and cut in one other whale cutting blubber  
started the woods at 9 AM Petrel  
lowered but did not get any  
Capt Down came on board but was given off





J. R. Sturges Master Indian Ocean 1875  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the Eastward  
 Reinst saw nothing cleared away six heads cut up  
 off all the blubber run out water cut in two  
 three whales & boiling saw the Petrel  
 Maid 19<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze saw grampas and  
 porpoises and a Phoe-emp in boiling cut  
 up two heads coopersing oil and general  
 work all around

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

fine weather calm saw finback porpoise  
 Thow and one sail employed in clearing  
 up decks finished boiling at 9 P.M.  
 last night turned up 123 bbls want  
 90 bbls more to fill up

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>

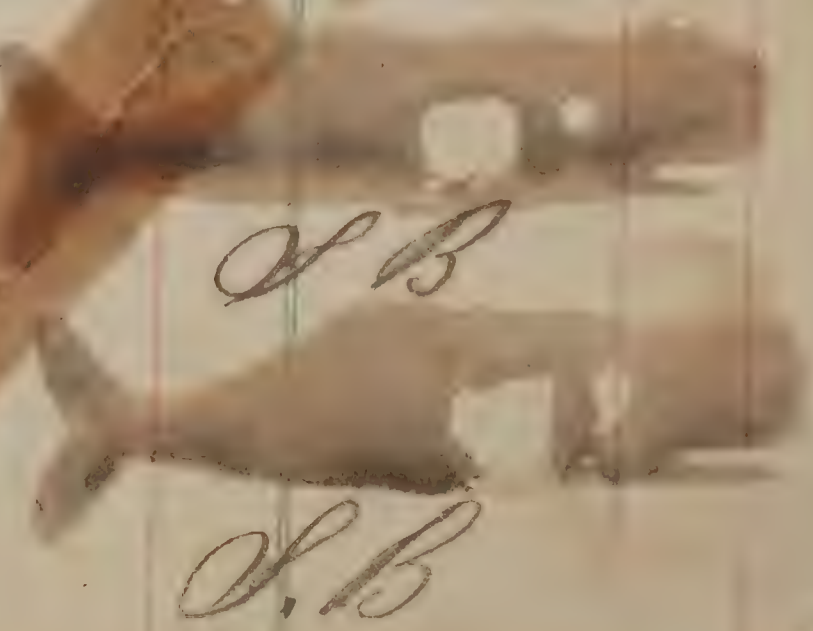
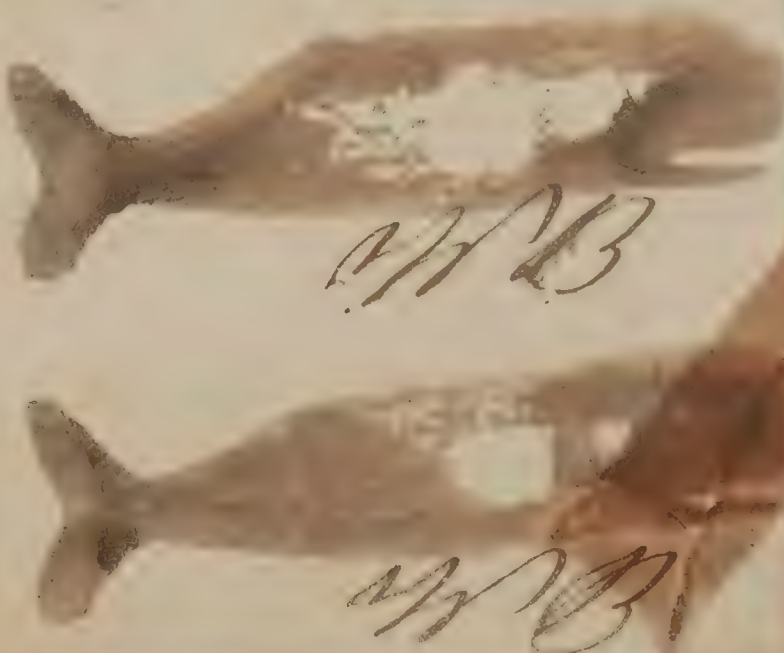
fine weather light airs and variable saw  
 grampas porpoise Thow and Kurlack  
 employed in doing nothing so ends

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

fine weather light airs saw something  
 that we called sp whales lowered at 4 P.M.  
 and chased until dark but did not see  
 them again coopersing oil

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

light airs saw sp whales at 6 P.M. lowered  
 and took seven got them along side at  
 5 P.M. cutting gear all ready at dark  
 got all that we want Kurlack bearing  
 N.W. 90 miles distant so ends





# Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>

fine weather cut in five whales started the works 10 AM cutting up blubber breaking out hearing bread overboard &c &

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving day and we have got the oil that we want cut in the other two whales running water boiling busy times so end stevens

Frid 26<sup>th</sup>



fine weather finished boiling at 9 AM stowing oil made sail for Make but have got no wind saw three steamers no mastheads since taking the whales 70 blb

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>



fine weather wind S.E. saw Socotra at 5 PM employed in stowing oil coopers oil and clearing up deck stowed about 50 blb today stowing S.W. Lat 13.54 N Long 53.50 E

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from the East stowing S.W. & W at 3 PM calm at 2 PM light air from the Westward saw Socotra Employed in bending main royal this is a day of rest Lat 12.57 N

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind S.E. and variable 5 PM stowing S saw the land employed in repairing casks overhauling mizzen & jib rigging coopers oil bent a new spanker jib and fly gill &c

Lat 12.35 N  
Long 52.47 E



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Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

squally last night to day moderate breeze  
from N steering S employed in stowing oil  
finished and washed decks & ends  
steved about 85 Leat 11.46 A

## December

Wed 31<sup>st</sup>

good breeze from NE steering S S W  
employed in wetting hole repairing barrels  
washed ship inside & ends

Leat 9.56 A

Long 51.30 E

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

Strong breeze from NE steering S S W  
employed repairing barrels & new fore  
fore topsail and fore topgallant braces new  
reef tackle buntlines and clewlines to the  
topsails clewlines and buntlines to the  
fore sail main topgallant clewlines and  
buntlines topsail halliards fore topgallant  
halliards clewlines to the head sail  
clewlines to the mainsail & overhauled the  
mizzen stay carried away galley beam

Leat 7.50 A

Long 50.44 E

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>

Strong breeze employed in making & erect  
painting old overhead boat steering S S W

Leat 5.28 A

Long 50.25 E

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate breeze from NE steering S S E  
employed in wetting hole & new fore  
gallant clewlines new fly jib sheets and  
thwart staysail pennants new gaskets  
for all the sail & overhauling and repairing  
casks

Leat 2.44 A

Long 50.05 E



## Dec Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Moderate breeze from N.E. & steering S.E.  
saw porpoises & seals

Lat 0 44 N

Long 51 30 E

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the N.E. steering S.E.  
a boatster at the masthead employed  
in rearing new main sheets fore sheets top  
mast stay sail & sheets main buntlines  
spanker brails repairing casks night  
squally

Lat 0 17 S

Long 52 25 E

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

squally steering V.S.E. saw nothing  
employed in repairing casks turning up  
topgallant backstays &c

Lat 1 40 S

Long 53 15 E

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>

Rainy heavy day saw finback P.M.  
cleared up a little at 3 P.M. saw Preslin  
at 5 P.M. saw Denis island steering W.S.W.  
employed in wetting hole  
No observations

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

morning squally ran between Preslin and  
Lea Digue at 12 M at 6 P.M. about 7 miles  
from St. Anne's employed in getting up  
cables and anchors off the bow & ends  
took the craft out of the 4 & 5 boats &  
at 9 P.M. dropped anchor 5 miles from St. Anne's

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>

calm and catfaring got underweigh at  
5 A.M. dropped anchor again at 9 A.M. hoisted  
up at 10 1/2 A.M. and dropped anchor at  
the outer harbor of Mape at 9 1/2 P.M. the  
Doer came on board and the boat went on  
shore and got four papers but no letters



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Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

got under weigh and came into the inner harbor took in cutting stage and washed ship out hole & went on shore and I received two letters and sixteen papers 25 month out 1000<sup>th</sup>

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>

Harboard watch ashore on a run circles all ashore mail arrived at 7 PM

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

overhauling bobstay setting fore and fore topmast stays sold one new boat the Mermaid arrived in outer harbor tonight

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

setting up rigging &c

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

turning out main rigging took two casks from shore of water

Thurs 16

setting up fore and main topmast rigging and various odd jobs

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>

muncked S Boat sent down spare topmast and various odd jobs Mermaid came into inner harbor today

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

sent down foresail foretop sail and main topgallant sails got a cask of water came up with the bobstay to make a new bolt

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on a run

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>

painting spars and jibboom

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

painting spars got off our bread

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

painting spars sacking up bread out hole &c



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Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> V Mahey  
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Washing ship inside &elling bread and  
meat &c.

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

took a raft of casks ashore and filled  
them with water painting ship outside  
and whitewashing her inside got a dog  
christmas eve R. merry christmas to all

Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

rel<sup>d</sup> hole starboard watch on liberty  
I am on board all alone all day

Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

Starboard watch on liberty washing the  
whitewash off &c

Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Port watch on liberty scraping shore &c

Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

rel<sup>d</sup> hole painting stern bent new foresail  
and maintopgallant sail and shore foretopmast

Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

painting ship inside &c

Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

painting ship inside got an entry  
cask from shore & new years eve  
wish you a happy new year



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Sat 1<sup>st</sup>

Harbour watch ashore on liberty  
 Petrel arrived 920 AM

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

Port watch on liberty

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

got a cask of water and painted a  
 little larking spar spar &c

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>

let go 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor  
 got off a raft of water stowing it in after  
 hole rany nobody in there tonight

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

Maumaid sailed for hence took one cask  
 of water on board here up 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor  
 took three empty casks ashore and sundry  
 odd jobs night boat went ashore

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

painting ship outside and in

Frid 7<sup>th</sup>

painting ship outside and in

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>

painting finished sending stuff ashore  
 sent down maintail Thurs night one man  
 run away Bravo faking sick tonight

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>

Harbour watch on a run mail arrived  
 at 5 PM two ladies came on board

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

mending mainsail night Port watch on  
 a run

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

mending mainsail finished and bent it  
 got off two casks of water one of our boat  
 stores has changed with one on board  
 Bk Petrel

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

got off a raft of water and hole &  
 the older mail started tonight



Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Remarks on board Brk *Marcella*

getting starboard boat crew house ready for sea

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

got underway and went into outer harbor at 7 A M 2 P M Capt on board got underway and started for home lashed anchors and stowed chains my eight runs on deck

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from N W steering S W employed in sizing buckets on gunds and hole fixing boats &

Lat 5.26 S

Long 54.30 E

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

Squally and rainy wind N W steering S W 20 knots

Lat 5.59 S

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze from the N steering N by E employed in odd jobs

Lat 6.56 S

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze and baffling employed in odd jobs

Lat 7.39 S

Long 53.05 E

Sund 19<sup>th</sup>

light air from N W one sail in sight employed in wetting hole

Lat 7.40 S

Long 53.12 E

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

moderate wind from N W signalled by *Vestula* of Make,

Lat 7.52 S

Frid 21<sup>st</sup>

Long 53.27 E

moderate breeze from the westward saw nothing doing the same

Lat 8.28 S

Long 52.45 E



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Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

moderate breeze from N<sup>W</sup> employed in  
netting hole broke out meat

Lat 8.58 S

Long 52.10 E

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>

strong breeze and squally under double  
reefed topsails saw Joan De Nova at 8 PM  
arrived from N<sup>W</sup> E of N so ends

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and squally wind from N<sup>W</sup>  
to S<sup>W</sup> all hands to take in sail

Lat 10.28 S

Long 51.05 E

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes and rainy under close reefed  
mainsail saw nothing doing the same  
no observations

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze and rainy under close reefed  
mainsail saw nothing doing the same  
no observations

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

furled the mainsail battered hatches  
and made everything secure

no observations

Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze and squally under double  
reefed topsails and foresail steering S  
wind to the westward got some few  
observations today

Lat 11.00 S

Long 51.01 E

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and rainy wind to the northward  
steering S all sail set at 5 PM took in sail  
under close reefed mainsail and foresail  
no observations

D R Lat 13.07 S

Long 51.15 E

Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

strong breeze and rainy made sail this morning  
PM took it in again steering S PM wind  
NE and veering to the eastward no observation

D R Lat 15.00

Long 51.06



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Feb Remarks on board Rk Marcella

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

stiff breeze from the E steering S S W  
saw got an observation

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Lat 16.52 S

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

Long 51.30 E

strong breeze and rain wind E steering  
S of W at 3 PM wind S S E all sail in  
blowing heavy 6 PM wind veering to the East  
no observations

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

strong breezes last night with rain wind S E  
this morning more moderate made main topsail  
and fore sail at 2 PM wind S S E tacked ship  
on starboard tack took in fore topsail

Lat 19.39 S

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

Long 50.00 E

land  
at 6 PM

fine weather moderate breeze from S tacked  
ship at 9 PM last night and made sail all  
sail set this is the first day of good weather  
since the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month

tacked ship at 6 PM Lat 19.56 S

Madagascar in sight Long 49.12 E

Fri 4<sup>th</sup>

light winds from south employed in setting  
in adol jibs tacked ship at 4 1/2 PM heading  
S W 1/2 W

Lat 20.40 S

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

Long 49.24 E

light winds from S S E ~~steering~~ tacked  
employed in setting hole rose new jib whips

Lat 21.20 S

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

Long 49.20 E

light winds from S E & S Port tack  
saw nothing

Lat 22.36 S

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>

Long 48.41 E

light winds from S and E wind tacked at 12 last  
night and at 5 PM a boatstaves standing mast  
head broke out mast 9

Lat 29.94 S

Long 48.42 E



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Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

variable winds and squally last night today  
wind to the Eastward steering S W by S at 12 M  
whirlwinds kept off W by W

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

no observations

light winds from E N E steering W by W  
saw finbacks and the south end of Madagascar  
emp in wetting hole 5 PM Barometer falling

Lat 26.22 S

Long 46.04 E

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind all around the compass steering  
by the wind emp in doing nothing

Lat 27.22 S

Long 44.40 E

Frid 11<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from S S W port  
tacks aboard employed in relashing anchors cleaning  
hats & 27 months out 1050 lbs of

Lat 27.28

Long 43.51

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S E steering W employed  
in wetting hole broke out water mended  
spare jib &

Lat 28.00 S

Long 42.25 E

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from E to S S E  
steering W by S reading

Lat 29.00 S

Long 40.05 E

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

fine weather wind N E steering W by S 1 PM  
wind hauled to westward and southward tacked  
ship at 5 PM heaving W by N emp in mending  
gaff of sail and bent & rigging top gallant  
stuck in sail rose new fore top gallant runner

Lat 30.02 S

Long 39.09 E



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Feb Remarks on board Bk Murella  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze from S to S W not tack  
a board P M usually caught some albacore  
emp in making rigging stuff Lat 30.35 S  
Long 38.12 E

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

cloudy wind from S E to N steering W 1/2 S  
P M W employed in wetting shole

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

no observations

Cloudy light breeze from N N E to S E steering  
W saw blackfish employed in breaking out  
sugar and sugar Lat 32.32 S  
Long 33.55 E

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

moderate breeze from E to N N W steering  
W P M W 1/2 S employed in breaking out water  
Lat 33.18 S

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

Long 32.00 E

moderate breeze with variable winds from all  
points of the compass employed in wetting shole  
steering W 1/2 N Lat 34.05 S

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>

Long 30.17 E

light variable winds steering W N W 5 P M  
steering W. Lat 33.40 S

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>

Long 28.47 E

light breeze from the Eastward until one o'clock  
last night steering W later moderate gale from  
W N W 6 P M moderating and wind hauling  
to the southward saw a barkentine

Lat 34.04 S

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>

Long 27.30 E

Strong breeze from S W until 12 M wind  
hauled to the S steering W and double reefed  
to sails with a heavy head sea afternoon  
on Agollus Banks saw the Barkentine and  
ketches no true observations

Lat 34.20 S

Long 26.15 E

Washington's Birthday







To Atlantic

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March Remarks on board Bk Marcella  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

fine weather strong breeze from the S S E  
steering N by E & N N E look like trade winds  
avelling hole Lat 25.26 S  
Long 9 04 E

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

fine weather breeze from S S E steering N N W  
& N N W mended galley it aches like the  
trade winds Lat 23.33 S  
Long 7.12 E

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>

fine weather moderate breeze from S S E  
steering N N W employed in straightening seizings  
on fore rigging Lat 21.48 S  
Long 5.25 E

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

fine weather moderate breeze from S S E  
steering N N W employed in fore rigging taking  
down fore and aft stays wet hole broke out  
water & 4 P M steering N N W  
Lat 20.52 S  
Long 3.36 E

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S to S E steering N N W  
saw porpoises Lat 19.03 S  
Long 1.26 E

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S to S E steering N N W  
employed in main rigging taking down backstays  
&c Lat 18.16 S  
Long 10.32 W

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S S E steering N N W employed  
in main rigging taking down topgallant rigging  
so encls Lat 17.27 S  
Long 2.37 W

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S E steering N N W employ  
in rigging main and mizzen taking eyes of  
lower rigging wet hole 6 P M St Helena  
60 miles distant Lat 16.33 S  
Long 4.32 W



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Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

light breeze through the night raised the land at 1 AM came to anchor at 7 AM got water, flour potatoes, beans cabbages, peaches & the Desdemona sailed for home to end

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>

took on board a few recruits and at 4 PM took our anchor and kept true NW with a good breeze from SE the Sarah left at 3 PM lashed anchors put out Starboard boat &c

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

Squally stiff breeze from E by S to S by E steering NW saw two sails passed the Sarah at 2 AM sunset out of sight astern employed in wetting hole stowed cables &

Lat 14.37 S

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>

Long 7.31 W

fine weather light breeze from SE steering NW saw one sail Lat 13.00 S

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

Long 9.07 W

fine weather light breeze steering NW employed in mending topmast sticking sail and fore top gallant sail and bent them taking down head stays

Lat 11.35 S

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

Long 10.30 W

fine breeze from S by E steering NW saw one sail employed all hands rattling down main and mizzen rigging taking down aft &

Lat 10.00 S

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Long 11.50 W

fine weather light breeze from SE steering NW saw a stumor hunched employed all hands rattling down fore rigging fore and main topmast rigging taking down &c 6 PM saw the island of Ascension

Lat 8.48 S

Long 13.51 W



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Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

fine weather light breeze from S.E. steering  
N.W. saw one sail employed in wetting  
hole broke out meat and water cleaning  
windlass &c

Lat 7.43 N

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>

Long 15.40 W

moderate breeze from S.E. steering N.W.  
employed in cleaning windlass and painting  
it &c

Lat 6.36 S

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

Long 17.45 W

moderate breeze from S.E. steering N.W. employe  
in wetting hole

Lat 5.33 S

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>

Long 20.02 W

light breeze from S.E. steering N.W. & N  
3800 miles from home

Lat 4.21 S

Mond 20<sup>th</sup>

Long 22.03 W

light breeze from S.E. steering N.W. & N  
saw blackfish and porpoises

Lat 3.09 S

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

Long 23.35 W

light breeze from S to S.E. steering N.W.  
employed in setting up fore royal rigging painting  
windlass &c

Lat 1.50 S

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

Long 25.30 W

light airs from E S.E. steering N.W. & W  
employed in wetting hole

Lat 1.12 S

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>

Long 26.33 W

light airs from E S.E. steering N.W. saw  
a boy employed in overhauling boat blocks  
broke out meat &c

Lat 00.40 S

Frid 24<sup>th</sup>

Long 27.15 W

light airs from S S.E. to N.E. steering  
N.W. & N. signaled an Italian Brig bound  
South

Lat 00.26 N

Long 28.21 W

Equinoctial Line  
North Atlantic Ocean



North Atlantic

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Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

Catpaws and calms saw the island of  
St Pauls employed in wetting hole cleaning  
shades & Lat 00.55 N

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

Lat 29.09 N  
light breezes from all points of the compass  
saw nothing doing the same Lat 1.27 N  
Pbr rainy Long 29.49 W

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>

thunder and rain last night breeze from S to  
W today light breeze from N to NE steering N by E  
se miles Lat 1.57 N

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

Lat 30.40 N  
light breeze from N to NE saw one Bark bound  
Northward and gunners employed in overhauling  
blocks & Lat 2.44 N

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

Lat 31.56 W  
first part strong breeze from N by E later  
part moderate breeze from N E steering N by E  
saw a Bark employed in wetting hole put up  
a preventer foretopgallant backstay

Thur 30<sup>th</sup>

no observation  
strong breeze from N E by N to N E steering  
N by E employed in setting up foretopgallant  
rigging & Lat 5.02 N  
Long 35.35 W

Frid 31<sup>st</sup>

strong breeze from N E by E steering N by E  
at 9 AM took in light sails  
Lat 6.49 N  
Long 38.08 W



## Remarks on board Bk Marcella

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> strong breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering  
 N<sup>W</sup> double reefed the foret<sup>h</sup> sail last night  
 all sail today employed in wetting  
 hole & Seal 8.25 N<sup>W</sup>

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> strong breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering  
 N<sup>W</sup> Seal 10.24 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 40.27 W

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> moderate breeze from N<sup>W</sup> steering N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup>  
 employed in breaking out water and meat  
 so ends Seal 12.18 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 42.48 W

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> strong breeze from N<sup>W</sup> steering N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup>  
 employed in overhauling blocks &  
 Seal 14.02 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 44.55 W

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> moderate breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering  
 N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup> saw a bark bound to the N<sup>W</sup>  
 and a sail bound N<sup>W</sup> so ends  
 Seal 16.03 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 46.58 W

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> light breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup>  
 employed in scraping chains and painting them  
 red Seal 17.30 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 49.05 W

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> light breeze from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup>  
 saw a bark bound N<sup>W</sup> employed in scraping  
 iron work and painting it red  
 Seal 18.47 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 50.22 W

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> light air from N<sup>W</sup> to E<sup>SE</sup> steering N<sup>W</sup> & N<sup>W</sup>  
 saw a sail bound N<sup>W</sup> employed in painting  
 iron work light colored wetting hole &  
 Seal 19.23 N<sup>W</sup>  
 Long 52.26 W



John R. Sturges Master Apr 1876

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> light airs from NE to SE steering NW by N  
saw whales got the boats ready but they  
proved to be finbacks Lat 20.18 N

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> strong 52.56 W  
light breeze from NE to SE steering NW by N  
saw a boy and a topsail schooner  
bound Eastward Lat 21.10 N

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> strong 52.48 W  
moderate breeze from SW steering NW by N  
a Bark bound NW and a humpback employed  
in scraping and painting spare iron work  
steering sail on & Lat 22.04

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 29 months out strong 55.03  
squally and calms all night till light  
strong breeze from NNE saw two sails  
and humpbacks employed in breaking out  
water & Lat 23.00 N

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> strong 56.00 W  
strong breeze from NE to SE steering NW by N  
saw two sails bound S and three bound NW  
broke out meat Lat 24.09 N

Frid 14<sup>th</sup> strong 58.16 W  
light breeze from SE steering NW by N  
saw two sails one bound N and the other to  
the SW employed in trimming rattings cleaning  
anchors and painting them red killed  
the dog Lat 25.58 N

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> strong 59.58 W  
light breeze from the E steering NW by N  
employed in washing ship outside and in  
cleaning and painting coopers tools &  
960 miles more to go when shall we  
get there Lat 26.55 N

strong 60.58 W  
wet hole



Apr Bk Marcella Capt J R Sturge

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from the S steering N<sup>W</sup> & N  
saw two barks bound N & employed in  
reaching Lat 28.09 N

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>

light breeze from S.E. steering N<sup>W</sup>  
employed in breaking out water  
Lat 29.06 N

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

good breeze from S.W. & steering N<sup>W</sup>  
saw finbacks and an American three masted  
sch Wyoming bound S<sup>W</sup>  
Lat 30.46 N

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from S<sup>W</sup> until 12 last night  
wind N<sup>W</sup> under double reefed topsails at  
6 P.M. backed ship heading N.E. S<sup>W</sup> employed  
in doing nothing Lat 32.33 N

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes from S.W. to N.E. on  
both tacks saw a brig and sch bound to the  
S<sup>W</sup> employed in breaking out water getting  
rather cold Lat 32.41 N

Frid 21<sup>st</sup>

calm through the night until 12 M today  
later part light breeze from S<sup>W</sup> steering  
N<sup>W</sup> saw a sch employed in scraping  
masts broke up burning kedge Lat 32.28 N

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

stiff breeze from the Westward steering N<sup>W</sup> & N  
saw two sails and 3<sup>rd</sup> whale breasted and  
the main boat struck and the iron came out  
for hire employed in scraping try works  
Lat 34.04 N

Long 68.25 W



# From Wake to New Bedford 1876

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

350 miles morning thunder storm later light breeze from the southwest during P.M. saw two brig and a bark employed in making and taking in sail

Lat 35.40 N

Long 69.11 W

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> strong breeze from N.E. during A.M. saw one sail on the gulf stream 6 P.M. blowing a gale took in sail and have two sailing and met

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>

no observations

gale of wind until 12 On from N.E. to E.S.E.

3 1 P.M. made sail during A.M. until 6 P.M.

220 miles took in all sail again and buffed by the wind in green water clearing strong from N.E. night sailing

Lat 37.31 N

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

Long 69.33 W

gale from N.E. to E. started took aboard 12 M set close reefed main topsail and fore sail reefed 2 P.M. were ship heading N.E. 4 P.M. saw a bark bound S.E. out of green water

Lat 37.42 N

Long 69.40 W

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

part took gale from N.W. and squally through the night today more moderate at 8 A.M. set close reefed fore topsail saw four sails two bound E. and two with no sunset quite pleasant in green water again

Lat 38.12 N

Long 67.58 W

Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

light wind from N.W. through the night morning calm 10 A.M. light breeze from N.W. 4 P.M. stiff breeze from N.W. saw four sails employed in cleaning trynets took out water

Lat 38.18 N

Long 67.55 W

A.M.



Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> Marcella Capt. J. R. Sturges

Lat 29<sup>th</sup>

At sunset last night double reefed the  
trysails at 12 In under storm staysails blowing  
hard from S W at 1 A M sunset hauled to  
A more ship wind moderating at sunset light  
saw from A B more ship heading N E by N  
saw five sails

Lat 39.02 N

Apr 30<sup>th</sup>

Long 69.22 W

awind S W all night steering N E by N  
tidy light wind and varying from S W to  
N W saw 9 sails engaged in gunnelling  
boat craft sent down hoops forward at  
4 P M got up cables and bent them at  
6 P M rounded in 40 fathoms much better  
saw a pinback by Head bearing N E by E  
45 miles off steering N E W

Lat 40.16 N

Long 71.03 W

May

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Breezy from W until 10 A M last night then  
calmed all hands and took in sail close  
reefed trysails and foresail wind N W and  
sawally more ship at 3 A M heading N W W  
at daylight cleared up at 8 A M more ship  
heading N E took in foresail at 2 P M saw  
the steamship City of Glasgow beyond W  
at 4 P M saw by Head bearing N E 20 miles  
saw No Mans land and Gutthunk at 7 P M  
reefed the foresail saw a sail to windward  
and a pinback saw a stamer last night  
so ends

Lat 40.51 N

Long 70.55 W



From Make To New Bedford 1876

Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>

strong breeze through the night at daylight  
wind moderated and hauled to the S<sup>W</sup> saw  
the Bk Sarah at 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. took a pilot  
off No Mans land at 4 P.M. took the tug  
boat Helen Augusta and at 7 P.M. made  
fast to the wharf saw Bks Sanbeam and  
Grove Bird outward bound so ends  
this voyage of 29 months and 21 days with  
1091 bbls of oil

Henry W. Brigham

Walter P. Morse  
William D. Stone  
Robert  
Morse







# Whales Seen And Taken

date		Whom raised	Leat	Long
Oct 2nd	1876	Robt Abbey	12.01 N	25.00 W
" 29th		Wm Merrey	21.06 S	31.30 W
1877				
Jan 31st		Bk Leinda Stewart	mated	1/4 Bight
Feb 8th		John Leopes		1/6 Bight
" 21st		"		"
" 28th		Isaac Hendricks	3.39 S	58.30 E
" 28th		Bk Leinda Stewart	4.02 S	57.30 E
" 28th		Hendricks	3.39 S	58.30 E
March 10th		Santo	3.17 S	56.42 E
" 19th		Bk Platina	3.26 S	58.00 E
" 20th		Mated	same	same
Apr 9th		Santo	4.18 S	57.07 E
May 30th		Bk Laccenia	Bird Island	
Aug 21st		Leopes	5.40 S	40.50 E
Sept 18th		Mr Brigham	Sartack	
Oct 27th		Santo	mated with Melin	
Nov 12th		Leopes		
Dec 11th		Mr Praso	1.00 N	47.00 E
" 13th		Robt Abbey	4.2 S	49.33 E
Jan 14th		Wm Merrey	3.10 S	55.20 E
" 17th		Still	3.30 S	55.24 E
March 26th		Mr Praso	4.00 S	57.37 E
" 27th		Robt Abbey	3.40 S	57.25 E
Apr 1st		"	4.24 S	57.25 E
May 17th		Manchester	4.30 S	57.35 E
" 21st		Antine	4.20 S	57.30 E
" 21st		Antine	4.40 S	57.30 E
" 29th		Leopes	4.45 S	58.25 E
" 31st		"	4.34 S	57.35 E
June 2nd		Antine	4.20 S	57.30 E
" 3rd		Manchester		



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## Letters Sent Home

1876

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> one at Flores to Reukhamah  
 " 26<sup>th</sup> " Bravo to Anna Smith  
 " 28<sup>th</sup> " " to Annie W Edwards  
 Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> " " to Alice Minot to Will B Anthony  
 Jan 29<sup>th</sup> " " to Linda Stewart to Will B Anthony  
 " " " " Fred H. Russell

Apr " " Make

Will B Anthony

Sarah C. Brigham

Elizabeth Russell

Edith A Gifford

Wm B Anthony

Fred. R. Brightman

Anna W Edwards

Almira W Weeks

Wm B Anthony

July Pr Andrew Hicks

Aug at Johanna

Feb 1878 at Make

Mrs Wm B Anthony

E A Gifford

C Russell

F H Russell

S C Brigham

May 1878 Make

E A Gifford

F H Russell

C Russell

S C Brigham

Wm B Anthony

E A Gifford

A C Edwards

S C Brigham

Wm B Anthony

Edith A Gifford

March 1879



Hagat

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

Capt. Griffin left here today bound for  
the Pacific Ocean he has the Bk  
Palmetto.

Capt. Parker of the Bk Robert Brown  
left here today for a two weeks cruise  
around the islands waiting for the  
to come from home.



Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1878

Left Bravo and am Thankfull

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> had my hair cut and shaved put on  
light clothing cost 29.55 & Laundry 4.00 & 78

Letters sent from Tokyo 1880

Hattie Brownell 2

Letters sent from Tokyo Nov. 1880

Belle Brownell 1

Hattie Brownell 1

E. A. Gifford 2

E. A. Gifford 1

R. A. Anthony 1

A. P. Smith 2

A. P. Smith 1

A. P. Smith 1

A. P. Smith 1

A. P. Smith 1

S. B. Bullock 1

W. P. Sea Aug 32<sup>nd</sup> 81 Hattie Brownell

S. B. Bullock 1

Old Tokyo Aug 1881

H. P. Hightower 1

Hattie Brownell 5

St. Jago Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

S. B. Bullock 1

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Hattie

S. B. Bullock 1

A. P. Smith

May 12<sup>th</sup> at Cassin

Tokyo Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

Hattie Brownell

Hattie Brownell 2

R. A. Anthony 1

E. A. Gifford 1

Capt. F. H. Trapp 1



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1826  
Oct 8th

Had a shave and hair cut



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32  
in - around  
mountain Alma Fisher  
Feb. 27, 1930



















W. W. Brigham  
Bk Marcella  
Sept 28<sup>th</sup>  
1879

Michael H. Rea  
Bk Platina  
New Bedford  
Mass







J R Stinger Master

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1875

Bk Lc 30 Gall

230	69
211	260
197	268
190	234
106	162
934	164
1422	172
	93
2356	1422

Bbls	Gall
74	25
394	10
469	3 1/2

Casks
13
58
71

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1875

Bk Lc

Bbls Gall

191	139
226	203
105	205
250	205
103	295
137	302
201	324
1913	100
2532	303
	238
4245	248
	151
	219
2932	

134	= 25
469	= 3 1/2
603	= 28 1/2

Casks
20
71
91

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1875

Bk Lc

Bbls Gall

120	212
120	219
214	223
454	189
9898	255
1552	1098

49	8 1/2
603	28 1/2
653	= 5 1/2

Casks
8
91
99

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1875

Bk Lc

Bbls Gall

119	309
45	164
164	473

15	1/2
653	5 1/2
668	= 6

Casks
3
88
102



*Oil stored on board Bk Marcella*  
*Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1875*

<i>Yl</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>Blls</i>	<i>Gall</i>	<i>Baskets</i>
105	196	170	155	6 1/2	
217	176	138	668	6	
97	108	176	823	512 1/2	29
218	102	120			102
224	40	290			131
262	91	219			
	198	120			
123	260	121			
766	180	120			
889	240	121			
	225	232			
	1756	183			
	2210				
	3764	2010			

*Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1875*

<i>Yl</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>Blls</i>	<i>Gall</i>	<i>Baskets</i>
245	180	90	14	
165	240	823	12 1/2	
90	197	913	26 1/2	
180	142	2	7	17
190	123	916	2	131
185	200			148
1055	205			
70	210			
1125	71			
1794	226			
2919	1794			

*Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 70 Gall*

*Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1875*

<i>Yl</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>Blls</i>	<i>Gall</i>	<i>Baskets</i>
135	250	85	209	28 1/2	
214	188	224	916	2	
225	240	93	1125	30 1/2	99
28	251	262			148
222	190	229			187
237	95	200			
133	247	94			
126	40	20			
139	240	192			
249	196	186			
119	223	119			
151	2090	114			
120	1820	1820			
190	9910				
224	2702				
3702	6612				



E  
 Ezekiel <sup>4th</sup> Roe  
 of New York city

or

Capt. W<sup>m</sup> H. Howland

E. B. Roe

John Benjamin Schoonmaker

Ezekiel <sup>4th</sup> Roe

Chas. C. Tucker & Co



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1874	Feb	W. Brigham Dr to Bk Marcella			16.71
	Feb	30 cash at Make			
	Apr	" 3 lbs Tobacco		3 00	
	Sept	" one shirt at Auction		50	
	Oct	" 4 yds Denim	28	1 12	
	"	" 4 lbs Tobacco	18	4 00	
	Nov	" 4 " "	18	4 00	
	"	" 1 buckeye shirt		1 50	
	Dec	" 4 lbs Tobacco	18	4 00	
1875	Jan	" cash at Zanzibar		8 2	8 24
	"	" 15 lbs Tobacco	67	15 00	
	Feb	" cash at Make			28 87
	May	" 2 yds calico	20	40	
	June	" 10 lbs soap	15	1 50	
	"	" cash at Make			20 60
	July	" cash on letters			75
	"	" 13 lbs Tobacco		13 00	
	Dec	" 2 woolen shirts	2 00	4 00	
1876				52 02	99 25
Jan		" cash at Make			<del>5 10</del>
					<del>12 70</del>
					<del>52 42</del>
					<del>179 22</del>
Jan		" 1 box Tobacco		17 00	114 00
Aug 1875		" 1 pr pumps		1 50	70 52
				72 52	184 52



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